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Councillor to quit post for time with family

A leading Dudley councillor has quit her post after two-and-a-half years and plans to stand down from the authority at the next election.

Councillor Lesley Faulkner, who has served on Dudley Council representing Halesowen North since 2003, made the announcement on Monday. She has served as cabinet member for adult and community services for two-and-a-half years.

Councillor Faulkner said it had been an 'honour' to serve on the council but she now wanted to spend more time with her grandchildren.

Halesowen South councillor David Vickers will take over her role in adult and community services from his existing position in children's services.

Councillor Liz Walker will continue to be the cabinet lead for children's services. Councillor Faulkner said: "I made my decision some weeks ago not to stand again at the next local elections in May 2012. After, I realised just how important it was to hand over my cabinet duties as soon as possible to give my successor the chance to become familiar with the roles and responsibilities."

"I would like to thank everyone for the support they have given me over the years and I wish Councillor Vickers well in his important new role."

Olly gives fans a treat at launch

By Sarah Hazelwood

POP heart throb Olly Murs gave 300 screaming fans an exclusive performance to mark the launch of this year's BRMB Live. The show took place at the Merry Hill shopping centre, on Sunday.

Olly, who was runner-up in X Factor in 2009, is now fronting Xtra Factor meaning he is unable to perform at this year's BRMB event which features some of the best acts in pop.

Three thousand fans, old and young, applied to attend the launch party which also featured girl band Parade.

Sporting his trademark trilby Olly hot-footed across the stage singing tracks including Please Don't Let Me Go and his latest chart topper Heart Skips Beat.

Keeping tight-lipped about this year's final 12, the platinum selling artist is embracing life on the other side of the judges.

"X Factor has given me the most amazing platform and I love what I'm doing," he said.

"I'm really backing the groups this year but they're all great and over the next few weeks viewers will see some real characters emerge."

"This year has been incredible and exceeded all expectations. I've got so much more to give and hopefully I will become one of the biggest artists in the country."

Olly's second album is due out in November.

Pixie Lott was announced as the first act for this year's concert which will be held at the LG Arena on November 26. Tickets are on sale from www.theticketfactory.co.uk or by calling 0844 338 8000.



Olly singing

Families in protest over quarry work



Residents who are unhappy about levels of noise and dust at the Ketley Quarry site in Dudley Road, Kingswinford, are protesting against recycling plans

Around 150 angry residents crowded in front of the gates of a Black Country quarry, sporting banners and placards protesting over claims of excessive noise and dust.

Pensioners, families and young children from in and around the Sandpipers estate, Kingswinford, turned out in a bid to highlight the problems they say have arisen since the quarry in Dudley Road changed hands to WCL Quarries earlier this year.

He said: "If we have our windows open, you can see a thick layer of grime build up in no time. I bought a brand new car with special paintwork and I'm regretting it now.

permit, work is not supposed to begin until 8am. And they claim recycling work has started even though planning permission is still pending.

Builder David Harte, 35, of Ploverdale Crescent, says he is having to wash his car three times a week due to the amount of dust billowing from the 55-acre site.

He said: "If we have our windows open, you can see a thick layer of grime build up in no time. I bought a brand new car with special paintwork and I'm regretting it now.

I'm terrified all this is going to ruin it." Nicola Bradbury, 36, of Robin Close, turned out with her children, Alex, aged nine, and Eleanor, six. She said: "There are significant health issues with so much dust in the air."

Malcolm Roden, aged 65, who has lived next to the quarry since the estate was built more than 20 years ago, said: "There are traffic concerns – about 80 lorries a day come along here. The air is contaminated with dust and the roads are filthy."

Ward councillors Patrick Harley, Peter

Miller and David Blood joined residents for the protest. WCL Quarries has applied to the council for permission to install a weighbridge on the Ketley Quarry site and widen the access road to 25ft, allowing larger lorries through.

There is an application to carry out recycling work and for work to begin at 7am.

More than 2,000 people in the area have signed a petition objecting to the proposals.

WCL boss Simon Wimmer said: "We are in compliance with all planning permissions."

Boys rugby tackled man during frenzied knife attack on schoolgirl

TEENAGED HERO SAVED CHLOE, 14

A hero teenager has been praised by a judge for saving the life of a girl who was victim to a vicious and frenzied attack.

Chloe West, aged 14, was stabbed 20 times in an attack by 18-year-old Samuel Gayzer-Tomlinson, who was has started a 13-year sentence after admitting attempted murder and unlawful wounding.

She was only saved when 16-year-old Ben Hudson rugby tackled Gayzer-Tomlinson to the ground.

Ben suffered cuts to his hands from the eight-inch kitchen knife wielded by the attacker, who planned the assault after his victim spurned his advances, the court heard. But judge John Warner told him his actions saved the life of Chloe, a fellow pupil at Ridgewood High School, Wollaston. He said: "Without the actions of Ben Hudson, who should be praised, and others this could have been a lot worse."

The court was told Gayzer-Tomlinson, of Turl's Hill Road, Sedgley, stabbed, kicked and punched Chloe in a revenge attack. Scores of horrified schoolchildren saw the incident in Park Road West as they headed to lessons on April 1.

The court heard Ben tackled Gayzer-Tomlinson and pinned him to the ground to allow Chloe to escape. Miraculously, none of her wounds were serious. He had struck up a friendship with Chloe after they met at a stables, but

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Gayzer-Tomlinson



Chloe West



Ben Hudson, 16

Ben, Sonia, Mr Simmons and Mr Ramsey, who prevented her attacker continuing his horrific attack with no thought to their own safety," they said.

"It is hard to come to terms with the thought of someone wishing to kill our daughter. Ever harder to know that this attack was premeditated. We wish to thank again all of the emergency services who attended to Chloe, to the air ambulance who took her so quickly to the Children's Hospital, to the doctors, nurses and surgeons who treated her at the hospital helping her to make a remarkable recovery," they said in a statement released through police.

"Our thanks to Clive Nutting, headmaster of Ridgewood High School, for the way the school responded and to the staff and students for their support and wishes.

"Also thanks to family, friends and colleagues who have given us so much support. Today brings an end to what has been a horrible time for us. Chloe's attacker is now behind bars and we feel justice has been done, we can now move on to enjoy life and watch Chloe grow into a young woman who is full of life."

Hero Ben, said: "I am pleased that Samuel Tomlinson has agreed to plead guilty and spared many of the ordeal of having to give evidence in court."

"I am delighted Chloe appears to be making a good recovery but I am sure that the impact of that day back in April will remain with us all for a very long time."

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Missiles thrown from bridge

Police have increased patrols on a Midland bridge after missiles were thrown at cars with one smashing a windscreen.

A brick was hurled from Heighton Bridge on Bewdley Bypass at a car, shattering the windscreen. The occupants were shaken but unhurt.

A group of youths aged about 16 and a medium-sized silver car were seen on the bridge at the

time of the incident on September 11. More recently, two youths were seen throwing water bombs from the bridge on to vehicles travelling along the A456 below at around 6pm.

A Kidderminster woman rang police to say a water bomb had hit her vehicle. No damage was caused but police said it startled her. Officers attended but the youths had gone. Sgt Chris Aimes

of West Mercia Police said: "A moment's distraction for a driver, especially on a fast and busy road, could easily result in injury or even loss of life."

"I would appeal to parents to talk to young people about the dangers of throwing bricks, stones, water bombs or any other missiles at vehicles."

Witnesses can contact West Mercia Police on 0300 333 3000.

Tokens for free family swims

Free vouchers to encourage people in Dudley to use council-run pools are on offer as part of a national bid to get people back in the water.

The "Big Splash" vouchers can be used at the Dudley and Halesowen leisure centres as well as the Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge. All are offering a range of classes and sessions over the coming weeks.

At Dudley Leisure Centre, in Wellington Road and Halesowen Leisure Centre in Great Cornbow, a family discount has been introduced, meaning two adults and up to three children can swim for £5, and free aqua fit, adult swimming and Tiny Tadpoles toddler classes have been launched.

And at the Crystal Leisure Centre in Bell Street, Stourbridge, free aqua fit sessions, adult swimming lessons and 50-plus swimming lessons have also been introduced.

Leisure services boss Councillor David Stanley said: "Dudley is working its way towards being a healthy borough and by being part of the national Big Splash campaign we hope to get more residents to head to their local pool for a swim."

"Swimming 30 minutes a week can make a real difference to your health and vitality."

BGT finalist Jean to play

Britain's Got Talent finalist Jean Martyn is to perform in Dudley.

The organ-playing grandmother from Brewood has announced a date at Baggeridge Social Club in The Straits, Lower Gornal on November 2.

She will appear at the Compton Hospice Annual Variety Show with Rod Stewart tribute Garry Pease, magician Christopher Conegate and comedian Ron Popple.

Tickets are £10.

Postman, 21, kept 4,000 items in car



Voters given a reminder

Residents in Wyre Forest who haven't returned the registration form to enable them to vote that was delivered in August are being urged to do so.

Any person who is over 18 can register to vote and, by doing so, they will be included on the new electoral register and able to vote at future elections.

Ian Miller, electoral registration officer for Wyre Forest District Council, said: "Every household received a registration form in August and we have already received responses from nearly 29,000 households or 65 per cent of the total."

He had been working in Coombe Wood, Halesowen, for two months, and the 4,428 packets represented about a fifth of the total items he was expected to deliver in that time. One of the delayed items contained a passport, while others were bills, cheques and greetings cards, said Mr John Dove, prosecuting on behalf of Royal Mail. He added that Royal Mail bosses had sanctioned some postal staff in Halesowen to use their own cars for deliveries subject to regular inspections. On April 21, an inspector asked to check Maley's car.

Maley, of Fuchsia Drive, Pendeford, Wolverhampton, handed over 1,182 items of post to supervisors but refused to allow a further inspection. After the police were called, a further 3,272 items were found.

Maley, who was not represented in court, said the problems began when he had to leave work early to pick up his partner's 12-year-old son from school. He pleaded guilty to intentionally delaying postal packets and was given a 12-month community order with 250 hours of unpaid work. He must also pay £1,850 costs.

Cows brought in to protect heathland

A rare breed of cattle has been moved to a Midlands beauty spot to help keep down scrub, grass and brambles at the site.

Around six cows, of the rare Shetland Cattle breed, have been introduced at Habberley Valley, near Bewdley, by Wyre Forest District Council to protect valuable heath land. The cattle will remain on site until October 10. It forms part of a partnership between Wyre Forest District Council, Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and a local farmer.

The cattle eat grass, bark, brambles and leaves which can overwhelm other vegetation at the site if not kept in check.

Rangers for the site said the

animals would be removed by the start of October as the valley is well-used during the half-term holiday periods. A similar scheme took place at the site last year despite complaints from some residents concerned it disrupted public access around the valley.

Office worker Mark Dobson, who often walks his dog around the valley, said it had been a surprise to see cows at the site. The 38-year-old from Kidderminster said: "I was genuinely surprised to see cattle at the valley. In fairness to the council there are a lot of signs up warning people the grazing is taking place and telling people not to let their dogs off the lead."

Clash of emergency services



In training for the charity boxing match are firefighter Anthony Mendes, left, and Warren Davies, coach and a watch manager at Wolverhampton fire station

Boxers from the police and fire service will be putting on their gloves ready to take to the ring for a charity match in the Black Country.

They have been in training for weeks for the 20-fight card at Oceana nightclub, in Bilston Street, Wolverhampton, on October 1 in aid of solider's charity Help for Heroes.

Many of the fighters train at Priory Boxing Club, in Dudley, under the tutelage of coach and firefighter Warren Davies.

Gates open at 5pm for a 6pm start. Tickets cost £20 in advance or £25 on the night. Dress is smart casual.

Wolverhampton fire station says there has been some bantam ahead of the big fight.

"It has been a good build-up, and I think the mind games have started, but we are all there at the end of the day to raise money for a good cause," he said.

Many of the firefighters and police have been drawn from stations in Wolverhampton and Dudley.

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Father-of-two attacked cars in revenge plot

A father-of-two caused thousands of pounds of damage to nine innocent strangers' cars to "make some pay" after he became a victim of lead theft, a court heard.

Barry Williamson, aged 56, used a knife to scratch the paintwork of the vehicles and in some cases hacked abusive messages containing swear words.

He would watch from afar as people returned to their cars and became "addicted to the buzz" he got from seeing them get upset, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

Williamson, who is married, carried out the spree at the car park behind Monty's Wine Bar in Sedgley.

District Judge Graham Wilkinson ordered him to pay out £3,852 in compensation to the victims and gave him a two-month jail term suspended for 18 months.

Williamson, of Horton Close, Sedgley, was spotted on July 15 by a worker at the wine bar, who watched him walk through the car park carrying a knife before attacking two cars.

Mr Andrew Preston, defending, said his client had behaved in an "inexplicable manner" and said alcohol played "a major part".

Williamson admitted four charges of criminal damage and then asked for five more to be taken into consideration. His sentence includes as 18-month supervision requirement and a curfew between 7pm and 6am for one month.

Burglar's jail term warning in court

A serial burglar who stole cash and alcohol totalling more than £1,000 from a Black Country restaurant has been told he faces jail.

Jason Jones admitted breaking into Karma Indian Restaurant in Wollaston, near Stourbridge through a back door on August 9.

But he also faces another charge of burglary at the property on August 29, which he denies.

He will face a trial at Dudley Magistrates Court over that alleged offence but District Judge Graham Wilkinson told him to expect jail for the first burglary alone.

The court heard that Jones, aged 40 and of no fixed address, was serving a suspended sentence when he targeted the restaurant.

Judge Wilkinson said Jones had been burgling properties since 1985. He will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court following the result of the trial later this month.

Series of committee dates are all now set

People are invited to keep up to date with news and information about Dudley Council at the next series of area committees.

Central Dudley area committee takes place on October 4, from 6.30pm, at the Council House, Priory Road.

On October 12, North Dudley area committee will meet at High Arcal School, High Arcal Drive, Sedgley, from 6.30pm. People in Stourbridge can attend Hob Green Primary School, Hob Green Road, Pedmore Fields, Stourbridge, on October 17, from 7pm.

Halesowen area committee runs on November 9 at 6.30pm, at Cornbow Hall, Hagley Road. Finally, Brierley Hill area committee runs at the Brier School, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, on November 10 at 7pm.

Freshers' fair held at college

More than 500 students were welcomed to their first week at a Black Country college with a host of fun activities.

Dudley College's Broadway campus was transformed for the freshers' fair last week with a range of stalls. Student Union Support Officer, Sophia Daly said the day had been a success. "College life is not just about study it's also about new friends."

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Rifleman Rich gets top award

Black Country rifleman Rich Poyner has won a top army award after finishing his recruit training – and it was his colleagues who voted for him to receive the accolade.

Rich, aged 18, successfully completed the Combat Infantryman's Course at the Infantry Training Centre in Catterick, North Yorkshire.

His platoon commander, Captain Tom Parry, said: "Rifleman Poyner has won the Riflemen's Rifleman prize."

"This prize is awarded by the riflemen themselves, which makes it a true honour. Rifleman Poyner is a well liked individual within the platoon as a result of his excellent teamwork. He has been rated highly for his fitness and attitude both on exercise as well as in barracks."

"He worked hard to learn his trade as a rifleman and has impressed throughout the six month course." Rich recently received his award at the pass out parade ceremony at the Infantry Training Centre.

Rich, who had always wanted to be a soldier and lives in Kingswinford, said: "My sister's boyfriend had been in the rifles and he was an influence."

"I also wanted to do something more physical, something to get stuck in to. The course at Catterick is everything I thought it would be, testing and challenging." He added: "I am now looking forward to putting my skills to the test on operations."

Rich will complete two weeks of driver training before going on some leave and will then join his new unit, the 2nd Battalion The Rifles, in Northern Ireland.

Man in pub had weapon

A man startled customers in a Midland pub by swinging a two-ft long baton studded with nails and making threats, a court heard.

Norma Taylor, landlady of the Cavalier in Tennyson Way, Kidderminster, found two men fighting at midnight on December 10, said Charles Hardy, prosecuting.

One of them, Michael Davies, said a man had picked a fight with him and returned with the baton.

Miss Taylor said she recognised the armed man as 32-year-old Aaron Bishop. When police arrived, she pointed him out hiding in bushes, and he was arrested.

Bishop, of Wordsworth Crescent, Offmore Farm, Kidderminster, denied having an offensive weapon in a public place and causing an affray by using threatening behaviour, but was found guilty.

He was remanded on bail until tomorrow for sentencing.

Holistic evening

Halesowen Parish Church is holding a holistic evening on October 6 starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 to include two mini treatments. Tickets are available in advance from the church or on the door on the night.

Hall apartments are getting snapped up

Apartments being built as part of the £3 million transformation of Corngreaves Hall in Cradley Heath are being sold before the project is finished.

A total of three out of the planned nine apartments at the manor house have already been sold ahead of the expected end of development at the building in February.

Developers are currently converting the Grade II-listed home into nine

apartments and have plans to create six houses in the grounds.

The work is being split into two phases with the first batch of apartments due to be finished by February next year and new homes in the grounds to begin next summer.

The property was first built as a home by James Attwood, a local ironmaster, but in recent years it has been plundered by metal thieves and set

alight by arsonists, taking the repair bill for the hall up to £3m.

Nick Liddell, of GR8 Space, parent company to Corngreaves Hall Ltd which is looking after the scheme, said progress was good.

He added: "We should be finished by February next year. We're just selling the apartments ahead of the development's end and three have been sold.

"We're hoping to finish the nine

apartments by the end of September, completing work to the hall first before starting in the grounds.

"This has been a frustrating site for everyone for about the last 10 years as a number of plans for development by various parties have not happened but progress is going well."

Sandwell Council has already paid almost £1m towards remedial works to bring the hall back into use.

Shut-down order for illegal car wash firm

Action may have to be taken by council bosses to shut down an illegal car wash in Stourbridge, which remains up and running despite not being given permission to trade.

Dudley Council served an enforcement notice on the Blue Ocean hand car wash at the Broadway Service Station, Norton, Stourbridge, ordering it to close. Planning permission for the business was refused on August 22 after officers said there was not enough parking on the

site, which is on the corner of South Road and The Broadway.

They also said there was a conflict between that form of use and a retail store on the site.

Owner of the car wash, Rzgar Raza, said he had been "shocked" when planning permission for the business was turned down and insists he will appeal.

But Dudley Council says bosses had up until September 9 to appeal and that one had not been received.

Councillor Angus Adams, Dudley cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Under the current legislation the operators of the car wash had the opportunity to appeal by September 9 to the planning inspectorate against the enforcement notice."

Notice

"The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that no appeal has been submitted, consequently the car wash operation is required to cease no later than October 9 to comply with the current enforcement notice."

The owner of the Broadway Service Station, Tony Virdee, of Hagley Road, Stourbridge, is investing a total of £140,000 to refurbish the shop on the site and reopen the petrol pumps, which have been empty and sealed up for more than three years. Mr Virdee plans to reopen the shop as a supermarket and the forecourt as a Texaco service station following a facelift to the Premises. The previous occupants of the shop had sub-let the forecourt to Mr Raza's car wash business.

After the refusal of planning permission, Mr Raza said: "There are a lot of car washes on petrol station sites so I didn't think there would be a problem."

Worship

"We have had some interest from people there but we have not decided to sell it as we are continuing to use it as a place of worship."

"We are interested in Long Lane Methodist Church. Being a religious group we look for places with planning permission for religious worship which is why the church is attractive to us. We have full planning permission for the extension but the builder will not be moving in at Newtown Lane at the moment."

Plans would see a 23ft tall domed minaret erected at the Baitul Mahdi Mosque, on Newtown Lane. They were initially rejected by Sandwell Council planning chiefs in November, on grounds of overdevelopment and creating parking problems. However, planning inspector Penelope Metcalfe overruled the decision, saying the minaret would be a striking feature but not unduly obtrusive, or unattractive.

Society steps back in time



Wordsley Amateur Dramatics Society members Sue Hunt, front, and Liz Dickinson, Tracey Hart, and Steph Oakley get ready for the production

A drama group will take a light-hearted look at 1830s society when they perform an adaption of a classic novel in Dudley.

Wordsley Amateur Dramatics Society will bring to life Elizabeth Gaskell's classic novel Cranford from October 5 to 8.

The show will be staged at Kingswood Methodist Church Hall, in Stream Road.

The play is a more faithful adaption of the book, published in 1853, than the recent TV series and follows various visits to Cranford by Miss Mary Smith to her friend Miss Matty Jenkyns.

Each of the visits brings its own story as the audience, along with Mary, catch up on the twists and turns of life in Cranford.

Members of the society have been rehearsing for the production since early July.

Adaptation

Director Andrew Rock, said: "We are really looking forward to staging the play."

"It is a wonderful adaption and faithful to the original book."

All performances start at 7.30pm.

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Crystal shop to reopen

The former Stuart Crystal shop in Wordsley is to be reopened as four craft or retail studios.

Dudley Council bought the shop along with the Red House Glass Cone, which is next door, last year as part of wider plans to create a new glass museum for Dudley at the Stuart Crystal factory site over the road.

Bosses plan to spend £90,000 on repairing the shop to bring it back into use.

They revealed their plans for the site for the first time after surveys in relation to issues such as electrics and drainage were carried out.

Councillor David Stanley, said: "Work will be timed to suit incoming tenants, which we are looking to attract to the new spaces."

The former Stuart Crystal glass works was taken over by Waterford Wedgwood in a £4 million deal in 2001.

The company axed all 220 manufacturing jobs at the site. The Stuart Crystal factory was badly hit in an arson attack earlier this year. Work has now begun to repair the damage caused by the arsonists. Once the £100,000 repairs have been done, planning can continue for the complex which will be linked to the nearby Red House Glass Cone via an underground tunnel.

MP support of computer plan

The MP for Dudley North has backed a scheme which could help charities receive hundreds of pounds of computer equipment.

Ian Austin has been working with Microsoft to encourage community groups to take part in the scheme. Along with the Charity Technology Trust, the company donates many of its best known products to eligible charities, offering up to 10 titles including software packages such as Windows 7 and Office 2010. Organisations can receive up to 50 licences of each title every two year period.

He said: "I have written to charities across my constituencies encouraging them to take advantage of this excellent opportunity."

Metal thieves hit substations

Metal thieves have taken earth wire from three substations. They targeted substations in Baskerville Road and Springfield Lane in Kidderminster, and Court Farm in Wolverley between 5pm on September 8 and 9am on September 9.

A West Mercia Police spokeswoman said: "A substation is a dangerous place to be and only professionals should ever go in there. Thieves are not only placing themselves at risk but are putting power workers in danger through their actions. We would urge residents to call police immediately if they see anyone trying to break in to a substation or any suspicious activity around them."

Garage burglar was on licence

A burglar who stole two speakers from garages while on licence has been sent back to prison for 64 days.

Daniel Tonks, of Nelson Road, Dudley, had been released on licence six months into a 12-month sentence from Wolverhampton Crown Court for burgling a house.

The 21-year-old pleaded guilty to burglary at a garage in Trinity Street in Cradley Heath on July 26 and possessing cannabis before the term of his sentence had ended, at Sandwell Magistrates Court on September 20.

Mrs Virinder Baines, prosecuting, said: "In interview he said he was making his way from a friend's house to another friend's and he saw the garage doors were unlocked and helped himself to the Kenwood stereo speakers. The property was recovered."

Mr Kirandeep Soor, defending, said: "He was remorseful and added: "He has a partner of 18 months and she is six months pregnant. He is looking forward to fatherhood."

Tonks was sentenced to 28 days for the burglary and a further 36 days in prison for committing an offence while on licence to be served consecutively.

He was given no separate penalty for possessing a £10 wrap of cannabis. He was originally jailed in June for being part of a gang who stole a £600 guitar and 400 DVDs.

Litter-picking fun organised

"Pick 'n' Pint" litter clearing sessions in Stourbridge — each of which ends with a pub social — have been set up for the winter.

The "Tidy Stourbridge" group recently met at the town's New Inn, Cherry Street, to agree the timetable for a total of 11 "Pick 'n' Pint" sessions, which all started at last Sunday.

The Mill Road Lane area will be cleaned up on October 9, followed by a session at the Duke William, Coventry Street. On October 23 a clear-up of Trinity Park will end up at the Robin Hood, Collis Street, Amblecote. Other sessions are: November 13, Sugar Loaf Lane, Iverley, ending at Stourbridge Tennis Club; November 27, the Cross Walks area in Lye to the Malt Shovel in Pedmore Road; January 8, Bradley Road area, ending at The Exchange, Bridgnorth Road; January 22, the Queensway area, followed by The Queensway, Gauden Road, Wollscote.

MP's fear over plans changes

A Black Country MP has claimed Government planning changes could hit traditional town centres such as Dudley.

Dudley North's Ian Austin says he is calling on the Government to drop plans that "water down" developers' obligations. Mr Austin said: "The Government's ending of the 'town centre first' planning rule flies in the face of common sense."

New pub site plans

An eyesore site that was left empty when a former town centre pub was knocked down will be given a new lease of life, under plans to build 12 new family homes on the land.

The site formerly occupied by the Duncan Edwards pub, between Priory Road and Maple Road, has become a magnet for vandalism and anti-social behaviour with security fencing being kicked down.

Landowners Clubhire Ltd previously won permission to create three shops and 26 parking spaces leading on to Priory Road, and are now seeking permission to develop the rest of the site which faces on to Maple Road.

Under the plans, submitted to Dudley Council recently, the 12 new homes would all be two-storey, four bedroomed houses.

Courses are launched

Anyone battling with personal budgets or struggling to work out the correct ingredient measurements in recipes can benefit from two new courses launched at Dudley College.

Applications are now open for the finance and cookery courses, designed to help improve basic numeracy and literacy skills in day-to-day situations.

Director of learning at the college, Bob Chapman, said: "Ultimately we

want to provide our learners with the skills they need for their work and home life. Every year we see people who are really nervous when they approach the college for help with basic skills, but it's so rewarding when they quickly start to apply the skills they are learning."

For more information or to enrol, call 01384 363363 or visit the college website at www.dudleycol.ac.uk

Nurse in a secret patient romance

A psychiatric nurse secretly dated a mental health patient and took her on holiday to Majorca, a hearing was told.

Jonathan Henk had a relationship with the woman, referred to as Patient A, between March and August 2008 while he was working at Halesowen Mental Health Centre in Halesowen, the Nursing and Midwifery Council heard.

The NMC heard they embarked on a romance but it fizzled out. It is alleged Henk then tried to get her to drop the complaint after she reported their fling to the Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust.

Cassandra Scarborough, for the NMC, said: "Mr Henk engaged in their first intimate contact at his house when he took Patient A to the Merry Hill Shopping Centre in Dudley, and then said, on their way, he would need to get changed."

"He took her to his house, poured her a glass of wine, told her she was beautiful, and kissed her." In June 2008, the couple went to Majorca for three days, the hearing was told.

Henk admits forming a sexual relationship with Patient A, taking her on holiday and letting her move in to his home, but says their exploits were consensual. He denies seeing her while she was his patient.

The hearing, which is being heard in London, continues.

Searching for local talent



Event organiser Adam Nash with Esther Okua and Sarah Jay who are auditioning for the annual Midlands Got Talent contest

Police meeting

The next Police and Community Together meeting for people in Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews areas will be at the Healthy Hub building at Netherton Park from 6.30pm on October 26.

And in March this year the council agreed to take on a bank of relief staff to look after children in Dudley Council care after it emerged more than £48,000 was spent on bringing in agency staff to look after youngsters in the borough's five council-run care homes last year. It is hoped that bill will be cut to £27,900 by using the relief staff bank instead.

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Applications for the event are now being accepted and need to be in by October 21 ahead of auditions on October 29 and November 5 at the church on Cinder Bank. Application forms are available by calling 01384 457923 or visiting www.championschurch.org.uk/talent

The first police message to hit student's screens was to make youngsters aware of the national property registering site, www.Immobili.com which can help them track down their property if it is stolen.

Pc Angela Hodgetts, crime reduction officer for the Dudley borough said: "To be able to send messages direct to every single child of school age across this borough is hugely beneficial to us as a police unit."

"This link means that when we have a particular issue or advice that is of concern to youngsters we have a direct, guaranteed method of making sure the message gets across."

"It is important that they receive messages, which could prevent them becoming a victim of crime."

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Tesco is almost complete

A new landmark is taking shape in Dudley – a £27 million Tesco supermarket.

Construction of the supermarket on Burn Tree Island on the Dudley-Sandwell border is nearing completion.

The store, which will occupy a space of 140,000 sq ft, is scheduled to open on October 17 and will be one of the largest stores of its kind in the Black Country.

Construction firm Bowden and Kirkland is now completing landscaping work and fitting shopping trolley points around the car park.

Bosses from the supermarket were set to tour the new building to give their final appraisal of the work.

They will outline any minor changes they want to make which the contractors can then carry out during their final week at the site.

Around 80 new jobs are being created by the supermarket which is expected to boost total job numbers there to nearly 400.

£1,500 alpaca feared stolen

An alpaca worth £1,500 has been stolen from a garden. One-year-old Britney was taken from outside a house in Trimley near Bewdley.

Alpacas are a herd animal, and if they are away from the herd on their own they fret and may die.

West Mercia Police spokeswoman Lynne Masters said: "It was initially thought she may have fled after being scared by a low-flying helicopter but even if she had managed to get out of the secure garden, she would not have gone any further. A local resident has reported seeing flashlights over the weekend, and it is now believed she was stolen."

Safety meeting call

Dudley residents have the chance to discuss safety priorities by attending this year's Face the People event on October 18. The event is at Brierley Hill Civic Centre from 7 to 9pm.

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Search for woman in smoke-logged tunnel

A dramatic four-hour search was launched in a network of underground tunnels in the Black Country amid fears a woman was trapped after a fire broke out.

The blaze started in a Second World War air raid shelter that is connected to a winding 100-yard tunnel underneath woodland off Castle Mill Road in Dudley.

Fire crews scoured the area after it was reported a woman was stuck down there.

They borrowed a barge from the nearby Black Country Living Museum to search waterways below the tunnel, which join up with the canals. And a search dog was sent down a vertical shaft. A man and woman found near the entrance of the shelter were treated for smoke inhalation.

The tunnels, which are well-known among local residents, can be entered through a hole next to an embankment in the woods.



The scene of the rescue at the tunnel in Castle Mill Road

Residents said youths often played there and it was rumoured that homeless people had been squatting in it recently.

The drama started when fire crews were called at 4.35pm on September 22 when smoke was seen pouring from the shelter.

They found rubbish burning near the entrance and flames had spread to the walls.

Acrid smoke filling the shelter made it difficult for them to find their way.

Firefighters used breathing apparatus to go underground and 10 specialist rescuers took over when the fumes cleared. Paramedics were called and police cordoned off Castle Mill Road.

Trapped

Crowds watched and waited for news, but the search was called off at 9.15pm.

Joan Hall, aged 65, of Forest Road, said: "The shelter was built for the factories nearby. They should be shut off because if someone did get trapped down there they wouldn't stand a chance."

A 31-year-old man from Dudley was arrested on suspicion of making false and malicious calls and was being questioned today.

JB's set to keep on rockin' says new boss



Landmark music venue JB's will keep on rocking after new owners took control of the former Dudley nightspot.

After a tense bidding war at an auction at Villa Park on September 22, Wolverhampton boss Raj Kumar won the battle to take on JB's with a final bid of £225,000. He vowed to keep the tradition of live music at the spot going into the future.

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Dog attack on child, 7

The owner of a dog that attacked a young boy leaving him with serious injuries, has been given a suspended sentence and banned from keeping a dog for five years.

The dog attacked the seven-year-old in Smethwick after it escaped from its owners' garden in Ada Road through a broken fence on August 25. Sandwell Magistrates' Court heard last week.

The dog's owner Nashya Lloyd McKenzie, aged 25, was handed a 12-week jail sentence suspended for 12 months because the dog was dangerously out of control.

This was the second time the dog, called Kilo, had attacked someone and in 2010 McKenzie had been subject to a local community resolution order for the offence.

The boy has been left terrified of dogs after he suffered severe cuts and bites to his legs and for a while could not walk due to his injuries. Miss Kelly Hale, prosecuting, told the court the boy's grandmother had taken the dog into her garden as she feared it might be run over, and this is when it attacked the boy.

McKenzie had previously pleaded guilty to being the owner of a dog who was dangerously out of control in a public place. Mr Baljinder Suman defending told the court McKenzie was very sorry about what had happened, and he did not contest a destruction order.

Besides the ban, magistrates also ordered him to complete 200 hours of unpaid work with £250 compensation to the boy.

The businessman said: "I felt that the history of the place was so strong in the Black Country, I wanted to keep that alive," he said.

"I only found out about the sale of the place relatively recently, and I went to look around a few times and really liked it. Hopefully it will bring a lot of people into Dudley and into the Black Country who have always enjoyed night clubs," he said.

Mr Jukes, 64, attended the auction with fellow founder Sid Weston, 65, to bid farewell to the club.

"It was really sad to see it go like that – I wish we could have carried on with it," said Mr Jukes. "But I'm happy someone has taken it on who wants to use it as a music venue."

The club went into administration last September. It went on the market for £350,000, which dropped to £325,000 after several months but no buyers came forward. Administrators admitted defeat in July and put the building up for auction.

Ales chain enjoys record year



Black Country Ales director Angus McMeeking along with landlords Michael O'Neill, wife Dawn and Chris Plumby

A real ale pub chain in the Black Country is celebrating a record year after securing seven entries in the 2012 Camra Good Beer Guide.

Pubs in Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall and Stourport run by Black

Country Ales – based in Pensnett, Dudley – are among those voted in by customers as some of the best places to get a good pint and a warm welcome. Brewery director Martin Wilkes said he was "delighted" by the result.

Mountain challenge hit by the weather

It proved one step too far for a Black Country councillor on a fundraising climb as arduous weather hampered his latest challenge.

Steve Walther, who represents St Thomas's ward on Dudley Council, has already raised more than £1,500 after completing the three peaks challenge. The 56-year-old was joined on this trip by his son Joe's 17-year-old best friend Sam Joy.

They were attempting to climb all seven of Scotland's 4,000 ft mountains within 24 hours.

But Joe and the back-up team started to panic when his father and Sam were three hours overdue and they called the Mountain Rescue for advice. "They asked us lots of questions then advised us to wait. After four hours Sam managed to get a signal on his mobile and rang us to say they were okay," Joe said.

It was a further three and a half hours when we picked them up."

Councillor Walther said: "The descent in the dark was horrendous and we both fell several times. I was very concerned that our back-up team would be worried about us and it was real relief when we managed to contact them."

They had managed four peaks in 18 hours with nearly 10,000 ft of climbing when they had to call it a day on safety grounds.

Church seeks new members

An invitation has been launched to encourage people to visit churches in Dudley and Worcestershire.

National campaign Back to Church Sunday has been organised in the region by the Diocese of Worcester.

Bishop of Worcester, Dr John Inge, will be visiting St John's Church, in Bewdley Road, Kidderminster, to celebrate the life of the church on Sunday.

He said: "When people respond to the invitation to come to church they find that it provides them with meaning, enjoyment, and friendship in Jesus."

He added that more than 150,000 people have come back to the church since the initiative started – enough to fill Wembley Stadium and the Emirates Stadium put together. For further details about events at churches in the area visit www.backtotochurch.co.uk

Trust shows its statistics

Staff at the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust cleaned more than 5,000 miles of corridors last year.

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No jail for thief who stole scrap metal

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A thief from Dudley who loaded piles of scrap metal from a derelict pub into his girlfriend's car has been spared jail.

Karl Bloomer, aged 27, raided the empty Old Park Inn, in Middlepark Road, Dudley, after seeing a shed on the site with an open door.

He took his girlfriend's Fiat Punto without her knowing, despite being disqualified from driving for a previous offence, and filled it with old pipes and fittings, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

Most of the metal was taken from outbuildings in the car park by Bloomer on August 17.

District Judge Graham Wilkinson told him: "People like you, who are currently stealing metal from everywhere it can be found, need to learn that the courts will take robust action against them."

Bloomer, who lives with his partner and three-year-old child at Laurel Road, Wrens Nest, Dudley, intended to sell the metal to feed his heroin habit, said Mr Gerry Vahey, defending.

Abandoned

Miss Maxine Jarousse, prosecuting, told the court that Bloomer had also tampered with a Ford Escort the previous day and was traced by blood in the vehicle.

He claimed he had seen the car abandoned with a broken lock and tried to move it as he was concerned a nearby gang of youths would set fire to it.

But District Judge Wilkinson said this was a "ridiculous explanation".

Bloomer pleaded guilty to vehicle interference, theft, and driving while disqualified and without insurance.

For a charge of theft, Bloomer was given a five-month jail term, while he got two months for driving while disqualified and one month for vehicle interference.

All sentences were suspended for 18 months and will run concurrently.

He was also ordered to pay £150 compensation, £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge, while he was banned from driving for 18 months and given a curfew to stay indoors between 7pm and 6am.

Kevin's shop steps up a gear



Kevin Anson, aged 45, from Woodsetton, at his shop in Lower Gornal

needed to repair all types of cycles. Mr Anson, from Woodsetton, worked as a project manager for engineering firm ARRK Europe for many years but was keen to set up his own business.

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Race against time to help little Charlie

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At one year old, brave Charlie Harris-Beard is battling more than most would in a lifetime as he undergoes intensive chemotherapy for two forms of leukaemia.

His family, from Kidderminster, are now facing a race against time to find a bone marrow donor after tests discovered that none of them was a suitable match.

"We are just hoping that as many people as possible come forward. The more that do, the more likely we are to find a match," said Charlie's mother, 29-year-old Fiona Harris.

"We need to find a donor in the next couple of months to give him the best chance."

Miss Harris, Charlie's father Joe Beard, and his older sister, have all been tested but are not suitable matches.

The family have made only fleeting visits to their home since Charlie was diagnosed on Easter Sunday, and have all but moved in to the family unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Worry

Miss Harris said that when Charlie was just four weeks old, they noticed lumps on his neck, groin, arms, stomach and head – but doctors told them not to worry.

"The story changed from an infection, to teething, to a tummy bug. They kept telling us there was nothing to worry about," she said.

"By earlier this year he was that poorly I couldn't even move his legs to change his nappy, and on Easter Sunday we took him to hospital."

Charlie was rushed to Birmingham Children's Hospital and tests confirmed he had two kinds of leukaemia – agnogenic myeloid metaplasia, and acute myeloid leukaemia, an aggressive strain.

"It was just like my heart was being ripped out," Miss Harris said.

"It has massively affected our life. We thought his chemotherapy would be over by now but he relapsed so is now having to undergo another bout.

"It's likely he will be here until after Christmas."

Mr Beard worked for the Royal Mail but has quit to be with the family. And Charlie's older sister, Ellie-Louise, 11, has been living with her grandparents.

To find out more about donating bone marrow, see the British Bone Marrow Registry at the website www.nhsbt.nhs.uk

Lessons are old school



Julie Lawton, headteacher at Wolverhampton Girls School, with back from left, sixth formers Olivia Hawe, Phoebe Hazeneeg, Emily Nelson and Isobelle Bolton

Pupils and teachers from a Wolverhampton school took a trip back in time to find out what life was like in the classroom 100 years ago.

All 720 pupils and 50 staff from Wolverhampton Girls High School wore Edwardian dress for the nostalgic event at The Black Country Living Museum.

Julie Lawton, headteacher of the school which is celebrating its centenary, said: "With the current range of technology our pupils can call upon today, it

was quite an eye-opener for them to have just a slate and a piece of chalk in the museum's schoolroom.

The museum is marvellous for its representation of the era when our school was formed and they provided guides for our pupils to visit all the attractions.

"I think many of the other visitors to the museum enjoyed seeing our girls and staff in their costumes and really entering into the spirit of it all."

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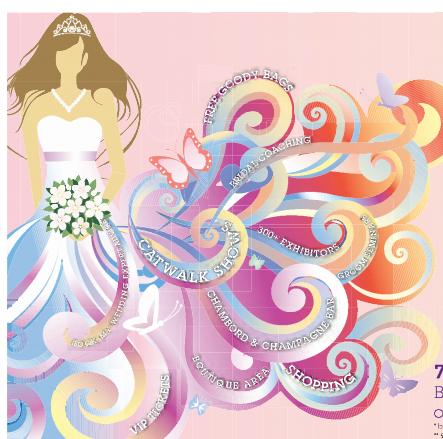
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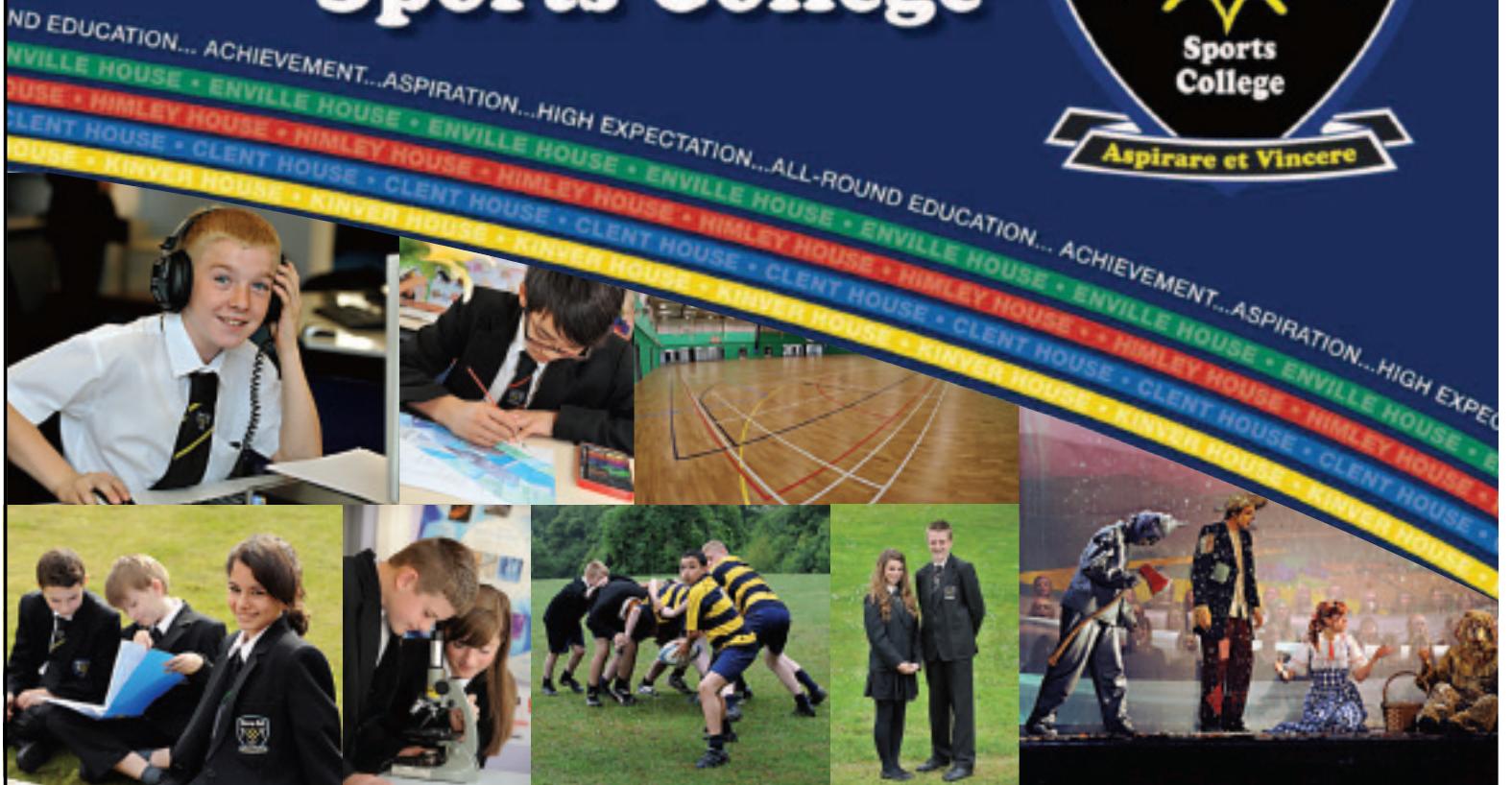
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Plea for end to lights misery

Calls have been made to tear up traffic lights blamed for severe queues on a busy Black Country main road after plans to remove them failed to materialise.

Dudley Council announced the signals at the junction of Ambleside High Street and Trefoil Gardens, in Stourbridge, would be axed following complaints from residents. A consultation period was launched to gauge opinion of the scheme, but councillors have said while everyone "fully supported" removal of the lights, no work had yet been carried out.

Officers are now being urged to take action and remove the signals at

the earliest opportunity. The lights were originally installed to help residents on The Spires estate access the main road more easily.

But instead they have caused traffic congestion at peak times along the stretch of road which has three sets of traffic lights within a few hundred yards. Queues can build up along Stourbridge ring road back to Wordsley at busy times.

Ambleside councillor Liz Walker said she could see "absolutely no reason" why the lights had not already been removed.

"Consultation was carried out and to my knowledge there was no protest

at all about this particular set of lights being removed," she said. "Even residents in The Spires did not object to the removal and the lights were designed to help them. This in itself speaks volumes."

"From what I have been told they are absolutely fed-up with the congestion this set of lights has caused over the years. There is absolutely no reason why this work has not taken place. I think it should be carried out with all haste."

The two other sets of traffic lights at the High Street's junctions with Vicarage Road and Mill Race Lane will remain in place.

Auction delight for daughters

The two daughters of Walsall boxer Jack Hood are "absolutely delighted" that his treasured Lonsdale Belt will stay in the Black Country after being snapped up by millionaire Tony Whittaker. "We feel it's gone home," said daughter Jill Baldwin.

Mrs Baldwin and her sister, Jackie Hodgkinson, decided to put the heirloom on the market because, after almost 20 years in a bank vault, they wanted to raise money to pay for a treat for his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Hodgkinson have yet to decide what that treat will be. "We are absolutely delighted that Tony Whittaker has our father's Lonsdale Belt because we were concerned that it might go abroad," said Mrs Baldwin.

"We met Tony at the auction and he's a lovely man." Mrs Baldwin described her father, who was born in Walsall and later lived in Hall Green, Birmingham, as a "modest" man but said he was very proud of his boxing achievements.

Yow cor 'ave Jack's belt, says boss

Millionaire Tony Whittaker has snatched legendary Black Country boxer "Gentleman Jack" Hood's Lonsdale Belt from the jaws of American bidders – and forked out £36,000 to keep it in the Black Country.

And the 60-year-old has turned down telephone offers to "name his price" to sell it on.

"I'm telling the Yanks – yow cor 'ave it," said Tony, who owns the Delph Industrial Estate in Brierley Hill. "Jack Hood's Lonsdale belt is staying in the Black Country with us. I've told his daughters I will not let it go out of the Black Country and will pick them up so they can come and see it whenever they like."

The belt was put up for sale at Fellows & Sons' auction room in August Street, Birmingham, by the two daughters of Jack Hood, who was known as "Gentleman Jack" because of his generous and charismatic nature in and out of the ring.

Tony, who lives in Wall Heath, said: "I had a standing ovation in the room when I bought it."

Tony added that, due to the value of the belt, he would keep it in a bank vault but would bring it out for special occasions.



Jack Hood with the Lonsdale Belt that millionaire Tony Whittaker has now bought for £36,000

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Ex-soldier in court over £18,000 fraud

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A former soldier from Halesowen who fraudulently claimed almost £18,000 in benefits while working as a cleaner has been ordered to carry out unpaid work in the community.

Gary Petford, aged 54, is now back on incapacity benefits despite his cheating record – but the Department of Work and Pensions is deducting the money he obtained fraudulently from his payments.

Petford, of Stourbridge Road, admitted four fraudulent claims totalling £17,775 worth of incapacity, housing and council tax benefits. Dudley magistrates ordered him to pay £100 towards the prosecution costs.

Admitted

Miss Claire Beddoe, prosecuting, said Petford initially started claiming incapacity benefit legally in September 1993 after suffering a broken wrist.

But, the Department of Work and Pensions discovered that, from August 2008 to November 2009, he had been working as a cleaner for Manheim Europe.

When he was interviewed, Petford admitted he had previously been a cleaner at Birmingham University from November 2006 to January 2008.

Miss Beddoe said the department is making deductions from the incapacity benefit he now receives for having diabetes and blood pressure problems to recover the money he claimed wrongly.

Mr Richard Burch, defending, said Petford made the false claims to get money for his 80-year-old mother who had financial and health problems.



Gary Petford, who swindled nearly £18,000

Demolition starts at former glass factory



Workers begin demolition of the old Royal Brierley Crystal building next to the Black Country Museum

The former Royal Brierley Crystal building is being demolished to make way for a £6 million home for the borough's archives.

Diggers and bulldozers have entered the site, in Tipton Road, to rip down the historic building.

Once cleared the site will be transformed into a home for Dudley and Sandwell archives as part of a £6 million project.

Tipton firm Humphries Demolition Ltd moved on to site in August to carry out preparation work for the demolition got

fully underway. Just days before the workers moved on site, the roof of the building, next to the Black Country Living Museum, was badly damaged in an arson attack.

Councillor Adrian Turner of Dudley Council said: "Subject to the plans going through we are looking forward to providing the people of Dudley and neighbouring boroughs the benefit of a state-of-the-art archives facility. It is a fantastic building and it is a landmark site."



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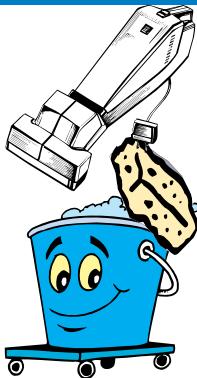
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Police begin drinking louts ban

Police in Brierley Hill have called "time" on people drinking in the street - and have started banning them from the area. The neighbourhood team has launched a campaign.

Notices will be issued banning people from several town centre streets if they are spotted acting antisocially.

The neighbourhood officers decided to act after spotting a group regularly congregating and drinking in High Street, annoying shoppers and disrupting businesses.

Police have introduced powers allowing officers to order drinkers to leave the area immediately.

They will be banned from returning for a length of time which is decided by the police officer concerned.

The length of the ban varies but is usually up to two days.

Besides the High Street, other roads affected by the notice are Bell Street, Pearson Street, Venture Way and all pubs in the area.

Issued

Pc Ross Morgan, of the Brierley Hill neighbourhood team, said: "If people have been issued with a notice they are required to leave the location immediately and will be excluded from the locality for a period of time.

"This will be decided by the issuing officer but it can be anything up to 48 hours.

"If they return to the location before the agreed time frame they will be arrested."

A group of around 10 people, ranging in age from 20 to 50, have been noticed regularly drinking in public in the area.

Local people can follow initiatives by the neighbourhood team at www.dudleypolice.org.uk, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dudleypolice and Twitter at www.twitter.com/dudleypolice.

Village for the retired planned

Plans to build a third Dudley retirement village are under way on the site of a former high school in Halesowen, it has emerged. Housing giant Midland Heart said it was carrying out preparatory work on site following talks with Dudley Council. It will be built where Cradley High School once stood on land off Homer Hill, in Cradley.

Landmovers razed the school to the ground last year after council officials decided to close its doors due to falling pupil numbers.

Midland Heart's director of new business and development, Carl Larter, said: "We are pleased to confirm that we are at the very early stages of developing the borough's third extra care scheme. The proposal at the moment is on the former Cradley High School site and we are currently carrying out preliminary investigations on the site."

Midland Heart has completed the first of its extra care housing scheme in the Russells Hall area of Dudley and the second in Coseley is weeks away from opening.

An autumn delicacy which was popular with the ancient Greeks is in full bloom at a Midland arboretum.

Visitors to the attraction in Arley near Kidderminster have been admiring the quince trees found around the grounds. They are full of fruit, which will be left on the branches until the first hard frosts to soften them before they are cooked. They are often used to make marmalades and as the fillings in pies and puddings.

Curator of Arley Arboretum Pete Howells said: "We have trees that smell like candy floss in the autumn, trees that may be totally unique to the arboretum and brilliant examples of ancient exotica such as the quince."

A concert is to be held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Wall Heath Community Centre. It will take place on October 7 at the Enviro Road facility and will feature singer Maggie O'Hara and comedian Doug Parker. Tickets cost £6 and are available via 01384 296506.

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Ian Hadley, who is on the organising committee, said that despite the downpours of rain throughout

Sunday, the crowds had still turned out.

"We had quite a few Jedward figures – possibly because their hairstyle is quite easy to recreate in straw," said Mr Hadley, aged 45, of Bradford Lane, Belbroughton.

"There were also a lot of Sheryl Crows, a Noddy Holder and even two sheep called Ewe One and Ewe Two, to represent U2."

"It was an excellent weekend and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun."

Local butcher Charles Jordan, 60, was among those who joined in and

enjoyed the fun of the event. He entered a butcher-themed scarecrow with a loaf of bread on his head – as Meatloaf.

"I do get involved every year – it's a good event which brings the whole village together," he said.

"I always try and do something a bit silly, it's all good fun."

The children of St Mark's School, Pensnett, also contributed to the day's occasion.

They supplied 10 scarecrows to take part.

Among them was Dudley's own X Factor hero Wagner.

Among the other activities taking place was a demonstration of shire horses ploughing a field, a classic car show, falconry display and the Belbroughton Spinners.

They spun wool on traditional wooden spinning blocks dressed as scarecrows.

The festival began life in 1998 as a way to raise money for repairs to the church tower, but now it rakes in so much money it also helps fund the parent-teacher association at Belbroughton Primary School, the recreation centre and other good causes in the area.



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Parliament rose this week for the conference season recess. I took the opportunity to visit two fantastic but very different local companies – Simworx Limited on the Pensnett Estate and Mechatherm International Limited in Kingswinford.

Simworx, which employs 18 people locally, has provided 4G cinema experiences to leading attractions around the world and has a very strong order book – a Simworx experience is due to be opened at Dudley Zoo in the next couple of years. Mechatherm is a long-established provider around the world of equipment for the aluminium and other non-ferrous industrial sectors, employing 50 people in my constituency.

I have been helping Mechatherm in their dealings with the Export Control Organisation. I am always very happy to help local businesses – if you're a local employer and need my help please contact me.

The first conference of the autumn conference season was the TUC's.

There we were reminded of the potential for huge disruption to our daily lives with the announcement of further nationwide strike action, planned for 30 November.

I support the Government in urging the trade union bosses not to take this deeply irresponsible action at a time when Britain and the world face real economic problems.

Damage

Industrial action will damage jobs, damage prosperity and achieve nothing but conflict.

I hope the unions get back to the negotiating table so we can reach an agreement.

The proposals on the table on public sector pensions are a good deal for people who work in the public sector but also a good deal for Dudley's taxpayers.

Before the Commons rose the Government introduced key measures to reform planning. Such reform is key to our economic recovery.

"This Government is putting local people in charge, building more affordable homes, supporting local jobs and local firms, stopping urban sprawl, and protecting the character of local neighbourhoods."

decide on their own future.

This is our opportunity to unlock the new investment and new jobs the whole country needs. We cannot afford to miss it.

Turning to the vital issue of our economy, I remain resolutely behind Chancellor George Osborne's plan.

We had an emergency budget here in Britain last summer on our own terms, not this summer on the market's terms, unlike so many other countries.

Curve

The Government has been ahead of the curve – with Britain a safe haven in the sovereign debt storm – and has delivered record low interest rates for families, businesses and taxpay-

ers, we want to support the right development.

This Government is putting local people in charge, building more affordable homes, supporting local jobs and local firms, stopping urban sprawl, and protecting the character of local neighbourhoods.

These reforms will give communities more say with councils like Dudley MBC continuing to exercise a vital role drawing up plans for their area.

Reforming a slow and inefficient planning system will be good news for the small Dudley business looking to expand, for the young Dudley family hoping for more affordable house prices, and for the local community wanting to

We aren't immune from what happens on our doorstep but can and will remain masters of our own destiny, not least thanks to the successful campaign in the early part of the last decade against scrapping the pound and joining the single European currency, as Tony Blair wanted.

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Can't beat The Drums

The Drums –
Portamento

Just over a year since their debut album, New York's The Drums have hit the jackpot with a second album that lives up to all their promise and more. They have fine-tuned those Smiths and surf influences into their own distinctive sound, although the genes come from Morrissey, Marr and The Beach Boys.

The songs have an autobiographical theme for singer and chief songwriter Jonny Pierce and the pains of adolescence usually make for a good pop record. The guitars jangle and chime and Jakob Graham conjures sounds from his synths not heard since the early 80s.

Right from the off Pierce is railing against a religious upbringing in Book Of Revelation. Please Don't Leave has all the hallmarks of classic 'indie' pop and If He Likes It Let Him Do It pumps its line over a melody and vocal reminiscent of A-ha.

See them at Birmingham Institute Library on Monday, November 28.

Bombay Bicycle Club – A Different Kind Of Fix
London's Bombay Bicycle Club have plugged in their electric guitars after their acoustic tour and drawn upon psychedelic pop and shoegazer rock for their third album.

The folk influence remains, for they get Fleet Foxes-like on Fracture and Beggars (at least until the drums and guitars cut in). However, Your Eyes ends up as soaring psychedelic pop and Lights Out Words Gone is a whispered soulful shuffle. Still ends the album with an anemic ballad. Listen to A Different Kind Of Fix back-to-back with The Drums' new album and rejoice at the return of classic alternative pop.

BBC have a gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on Thursday, October 13.

NEW ALBUMS



The Drums – The Smiths blended with The Beach Boys, only much better than that sounds

Will Young – Echoes

If you've heard hit single Jealousy – and if you haven't you can't have been listening to music radio in recent months – then you have been well prepared for Echoes, for this pristine pop album cut from the same cloth.

Ten years on from his Pop Idol triumph, it is hard to believe that Young ever needed to take the talent show route to success. Here he sounds better than ever as if his recent break to pursue acting roles has allowed him to come back refreshed. His fifth album shows him in fine vocal form, sometimes adopting a soulful falsetto, for songs united by a theme of bruised and broken hearts. It is crisply produced by Richard X. If Jealousy is the obvious hit, count on Silent Valentine as a certain future chart-topper (particularly if released shortly before February 14). To that you can add the slinky Safe From Harm and the George Michael-like dancefloor smoocher I Just Want A Lover. He certainly has at least three instalments here for his second volume after his platinum selling Hits collection.

Will Young is in concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on Sunday, November 20.

Ed Sheeran – +

The tousled-haired young singer/songwriter from Suffolk has been the surprise success story of the summer with his chart-topping debut single, The A Team, a poignant song about a heroin-addicted prostitute.

He is very much a 21st century songsmith, augmenting his simple voice and acoustic guitar approach with a few understated hip-hop influences, without being as experimental as the dubstep-influenced singer-songwriter James Blake.

What is appealing about Sheeran, what has taken this debut album to the top and makes his concerts the hottest ticket in town –

including those for his gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Tuesday, January 17 – is that he writes about real people in real situations. The public can identify with his songs, whether they be about embarking on fatherhood or the simple delight in feeling a loved one's eyelash flutter on your cheek as you lie together.

If you like music rooted in real life, if you like artists such as Damien Rice, David Gray and Tracy Chapman, you will probably enjoy +.

The Rifles –
Freedom Run

Listen up fans of Editors, The Beta Band, Stereophonics, The Bees and The Coral, or rather listen to, The Rifles.

The London band specialise in infectious, melodic guitar-riffing pop/rock and with veteran ace producer Chris Potter (The Rolling Stones, The Clash, U2 and The Verve's Urban Hymns) at the controls, Freedom Run is something special.

Potter has given The Rifles the means to create their own wall of sound with additional piano and strings adding to the guitars and harmonies.

Applaud for a band that loves The Jam, he has brought a Motown influence that is most apparent on Tangled Up In Love. And if you want mod, you will not hear many new songs more modish than Love Is A Key.

You can join The Rifles at Birmingham O2 Academy on Monday, November 7.

The Answer – Revival

The opening slide guitar licks blend into opening track Waste Your Tears and the Northern Irish melodic metal band deliver a classic swagging rocker that could have been recorded any time in the past 35 years.

Cormac Neeson is a rock vocalist from the classic Plant/Coverdale/Bon Scott mould, and any doubts about placing him in such star-studded company should be allayed by the time you've reached their third album's third track, the harmonica-blasting rasper Trouble.

Will duets (duels?) with St Jude's Lynne Jackaman on the battle of the lungs that is supercharged power ballad Nowhere Freeway.

Will it be a case of Birmingham are you ready to rock when The Answer visit the O2 Academy on October 19.

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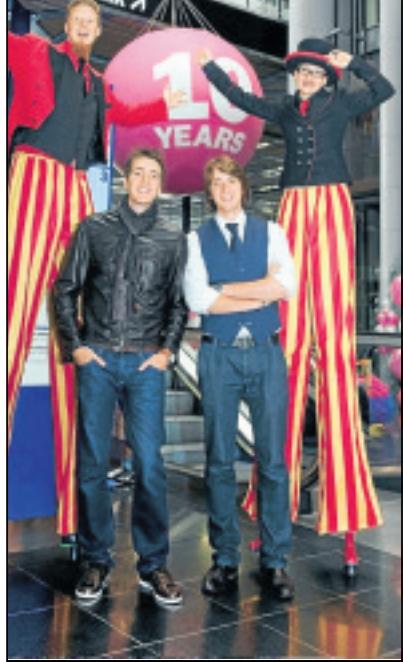
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Potter twins join big birthday party

HARRY Potter stars James and Oliver Phelps – alias the Weasley twins – led the celebrations at the 10th birthday party for Millennium Point in Birmingham on Saturday.

The Sutton Coldfield siblings, who are about to jet off on a globe-trotting round of public appearances to mark the DVD and Blu-ray release of the final Harry Potter movie, are big fans of the futuristic centre on the city's Eastside development area.

Sir Bernard Zissman, Chairman of Millennium Point



Oliver (left) and James Phelps with circus performers at Millennium Point's 10th birthday party

Trust Board, said: "This building belongs to the people of Birmingham and the wider Midlands. Millennium Point has become the linch pin in the redevelopment of the East side of Birmingham."

Millennium Point was England's biggest Millennium Project outside London – costing £114 million including £50 from the Millennium Commission. It includes the Think Tank science museum, training space for higher education including Birmingham City University and – coming soon – a 3D cinema to replace its Imax screen.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 was the final movie shown at Millennium Point's Imax cinema earlier this month. The huge screen is now being converted into one of the Midlands' largest digital 3D cinemas. The new format will mean the cinema will be able to show a wider range of movies than the restricted Imax brand and it is hoped it will also show live coverage of the 2012 Olympics in London. It is set to be open in time to show the new Tintin 3D movie in late October.

Wizard

James and Oliver Phelps were pupils at Arthur Terry School when at the age of 14 they were cast as Fred and George Weasley, older brothers of Harry Potter's best friend Ron Weasley, in the first movie instalment of JK Rowling's best-selling saga about the boy wizard.

The 25-year-old brothers have grown up on screen and become familiar faces worldwide because of the phenomenal success of the Harry Potter films and now, with the final movie about to be released for home ownership, they have got around to acting lessons at the Actors Studio in London. Oliver, who played George, said their careers were the opposite to most in show business in that they had become movie stars and now they were going to acting school. Being part of the biggest film franchise in history doesn't stop them being nervous "The thought of acting on stage terrifies me," admitted James, who played Fred.

Oliver, the older brother by 13 minutes, said the pre-Christmas home entertainment release of the final Harry Potter movie, meant they had a busy schedule in November attending events in Los Angeles, at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Florida, and in the Far East.

The brothers, whose grandmother lives in Wednesbury, were particularly delighted to be special guests at the Potter theme park in Orlando. James said "We get to go on the rides as many times as we like for free, that's like a dream come true." Oliver added: "But it is a bit weird seeing ourselves as characters in a theme park."

Keen golfers, the brothers still have homes in the West Midlands and Oliver said their friends, most dating back to school days, kept their feet on the ground. "I quite like the idea of an entourage," joked Oliver. "But there is no way my friends would put up with that."

VIPs at the Millennium Point party were greeted by circus performers, were treated to an explosive science show, could join in birthday games, enjoy a slice of birthday cake and sign a giant birthday card.

Alan's got spex appeal

"PEOPLE might have forgotten that I'm also a stand-up," says comedian Alan Carr, who returns to the live comedy circuit with 22 arena dates including Birmingham NIA on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2.

The host of hugely popular Channel 4 chat show, *Alan Carr: Chatty Man*, and Saturday night Radio 2 show *Going Out with Alan Carr*, is relishing his return to stand-up comedy.

"My last show, *Tooth Fairy*, was four years ago now. If I were to leave a stand-up tour any longer, it would start to look like a comeback!"

"I'm having such a great time at the moment, I hope my TV career lasts. But when it inevitably comes to an end, I'll always have stand-up. It's my safety blanket," says the 35-year-old entertainer who was raised in Northampton.

"I love doing live comedy. It's also nice to know that I won't have to earn money by going into the jungle and eating crocodiles' testicles!"

"That's not going to happen anytime soon as Carr's infectious brand of good-natured, bawdy humour has won him a mantelpiece-endangering clutch of awards.

He has picked up the Best Entertainment Show for *Alan Carr: Chatty Man* at the 2010 TV Choice Awards, TRIC TV Personality of the Year and RTS Performance of the Year in 2009, two British Comedy Awards and the Variety Club Best TV Presenter Award in 2008. His DVD *Alan Carr: Tooth Fairy* was a number one best seller.

"I have the best fans in the world!" he beams. "People are ever so nice. I get kids coming up wanting to hug me. That's very liberating."

"At live shows, you get such a warm welcome. I receive this tremendous



sense of affection from the audience.

"I think people enjoy the communal experience of watching comedy together. It's such a buzz. Oh, I adore stand-up!"

"Within reason, you can do whatever you want," says the comic, whose autobiography, *Look Who It Is! My Story*, has become a best-seller, selling more than 350,000 copies to date.

He expands on the sort of subjects he will be discussing in *Spex Beast*.

"The show is about things that have tickled me that day. It won't be about tugboat, well, only the first five minutes!"

"Personal stuff always goes down well. I'll talk about my other half and my dog. But in the end, it's stand-up. It's not Piers Morgan's *Life Stories*. Thank God, I don't have to burst into tears every few minutes! Rest assured, it's an upbeat show."

Alan also shies away from any overtly political material. "I've never been political," promises the comic, who with

Justin Lee Collins fronted several series of the widely-loved Channel 4 show, *The Friday/Sunday Night Project*, between 2006 and 2009.

"I recently tried to do a bit about the Middle East but people didn't like it."

"Ultimately, I'm just doing some jokes."

"Comedy has become so big now that journalists ask for my opinion on the economy. I tell them, 'I'm just a stand-up comedian. I've no bloody idea!'"

"I get tweeted by people saying, 'Please, please, do a routine about Libya', but they're asking the wrong person. People overrate comedians. Much as I'd like to sort it out for them, I'm afraid I can't. I half-expect people to hand me Gaddafi's phone number and say, 'Have a word, Alan!'"



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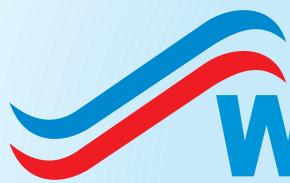
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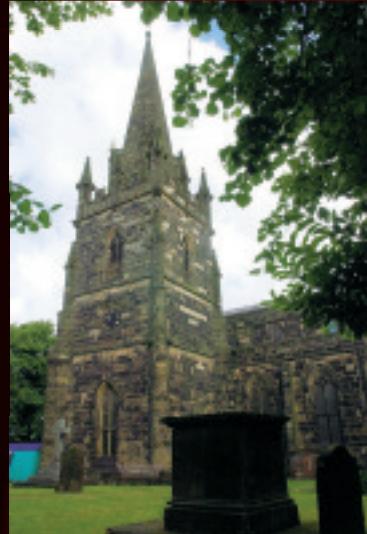
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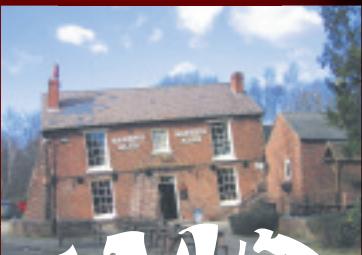
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You should only paint radiators when they're turned off and cold.

Sand any paint runs and other imperfections on the radiator, scrub it with sugar-soap solution, then wash it off with clean water. Use a radiator primer if necessary.

Most metal paints can be used on radiators, but heatproof radiator paint is best because it's designed not to discolour. Standard white metal paint will yellow over time if used on radiators, due to the heat. Try Ronseal one coat



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which would be expensive. When using spray paint, take full safety precautions, including opening the window for ventilation, wearing a respirator mask and masking off the area around the radiator. If you need to touch up the wall afterwards, a radiator roller enables you to get behind it. Try Dulux's Easy Reach Mini Roller, £6.19.

You should also only paint radiator pipes when they're cold.

Again, it's advisable to use radiator paint. Remember to use masking tape around the holes in the floor or wall, cover the floor with newspaper and be careful not to splatter paint as you work along the pipe with your brush.

DIY problems solved by asking our expert team

Q: I find it hard to get a good finish using masking tape when painting - any advice?

A: Low-tack masking tape is useful, especially if you're applying it to an already painted surface. Alternatively, there's FrogTape (www.frogtaape.co.uk). It's new to the latest Clas Ohlson catalogue (£9.99, www.clasohlson.co.uk) and works really well.

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There are plenty of very reasonable good wines available on half price or reduced offers, so it's worth searching around.

Then there's your preferences.

We all have them and they often change in a moment's notice, but with wine preferences let them be swayed by what you will be drinking them with or who you will be sharing them with.

For example, if you are hosting a happy hour get together, your preferences might lean towards "safe" reds and whites.

For people who may not be accustomed to heavier-bodied, heartier wines, buy a softer merlot or pinot noir.

Different

For a white, look out for a refreshing gewürztraminer, but if you are looking for something a little bit different, then talk to your local wine merchant about wines, styles and labels, that you have enjoyed in the past and asking for specific recommendations should provide sufficient direction for another great find.

If you are new to wines and are looking for a few suggestions – try a riesling, gewürztraminer, or a muscat dessert wine if sweeter wines suit your fancy. If you prefer a dry white wine, then grab a pinot blanc, chardonnay, pinot gris or sauvignon blanc.

As for reds, starting with a gamay, pinot noir, or merlot if you do not want anything too complex or full-bodied. If you are looking for something a little different, then go with a California cabernet sauvignon, syrah (or shiraz if it's from Australia) or a zinfandel.

And lastly, onto pairing. If you are looking for a wine specifically to pair



There's no need to pay over the odds to get a bottle of wine you really enjoy

with a special dinner party, then take into account what the key ingredients will be. Will it be white or red meat? Will you be using fresh or dried herbs and what types? Will the dish be spicy or fruit-filled?

In general, white wines go with lighter flavored meals really well; while, red wines often compliment heartier meals a bit better.

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ON YOUR DOORSTEP

How all the family can tackle a weighty problem

A third of UK children are overweight or obese, and despite stark warnings about the effect on their health, the numbers continue to rise.

As some parents of fat children seem to be turning a deaf ear to messages about the importance of tackling childhood obesity, the latest drive to address children's weight problems is asking mums and dads to get involved too.

As well as promoting healthy eating, obesity experts are encouraging mums and dads to get active with their kids to burn off the calories and get fit – but in a fun way.

The MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it!) organisation, which runs free healthy lifestyle programmes for children and families, stresses that being overweight during childhood increases the chances of developing serious health problems such as Type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease and certain types of cancer.

Worry

But Paul Sacher, co-founder and chief research officer at MEND, points out that research shows many parents don't realise their child is overweight.

"Parents often assume that they only need to worry when their child starts to look like the images of obesity portrayed in the media, which generally reflect very obese children."

But with one in three children overweight or obese in the UK, it's vital that parents are informed about their child's weight status, so they can be referred to the right services.

He says families on MEND's healthy lifestyle programmes are taught that small changes make a big difference – for example swapping white bread and pasta for wholemeal, and drinking six to eight glasses of water a day.

Other small changes might include:

I Try a new activity or exercise such as street dance or trampolining – and remember that short bursts of exercise throughout the day, like a riding a bike or playing tag, all count towards the recommended hour's exercise a day.

He says: "In these financially hard times, families are often worried that being active and healthy is going to break the bank, but going for a walk as a family or playing in the park is free, and just as good for your child as more expensive options."

"These small changes can help families become fitter, healthier and happier for life without increasing the shopping bill."

The National Obesity Forum supports

Get the whole family involved in a fitness regime which helps tackle obesity

any initiative to get families to be more active and eat healthily – but its spokesman Tam Fry points out that the best way of tackling childhood obesity is by preventing it happening at a very young age, rather than having to tackle it as children get older.

He suggests the best way of doing this is by incorporating exercise into children's lives as soon as they can crawl or walk, as well as encouraging them to eat healthily.

"Getting children active is just as important as getting them to eat well," he says.

"Parents need to play with their children in an active way from a very early age. We've got to stop the obesity problem developing in the first place."

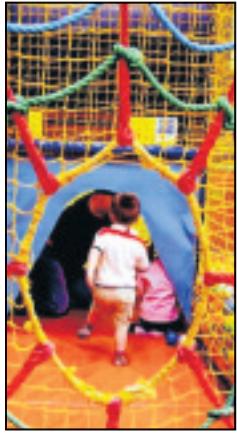
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Parents can play in garden as well

Celebrity gardener Alan Titchmarsh is among the supporters of a major campaign for school gardening, in which parents are being asked to get their hands dirty too

TV gardening guru Alan Titchmarsh is calling on all schools to 'get their grown-ups growing' as part of a nationwide event organised by the Royal Horticultural Society, to be held across October.

Get Your Grown-ups Growing forms part of the RHS's Campaign for School Gardening, supported by Waitrose – a national initiative that encourages schools to create gardens, teach the skills of growing and in turn enable their pupils to learn outside the classroom.

Each October schools are invited to hold a Grown-ups Growing event so they can involve their local community to help develop the school garden.

Grandparents, parents, carers and friends are invited to help.

Titchmarsh, leading supporter of the RHS campaign, explains: "It is no secret that school was never my favorite place and my interests lay outside the classroom, often in the allotment with my grandfather. But today it's a very different world."

The fact that schools have really cottoned on to the benefits of gardening with their pupils is fantastic news, especially for children who are looking for different ways to learn, like I was.



School children from St Andrews Junior School in Colchester getting adults from the local community involved in their latest gardening project – part of the RHS Get Your Grown-ups Growing Campaign

"If we can encourage parents and the wider community to get involved with their school garden, then who knows, we might end up with a green revolution both at home and at school."

Activities suggested for event organisers include tool swaps, taste tests of produce grown in schools or alternatively locally-grown fruit and veg, a range of gardening classes and even a mini garden show.

Schools with gardens can encourage adults within the community to help develop new areas such as a wildlife garden or help construct raised beds. A Get Your Grown-ups Growing event can also see adults passing on their gardening experience to children by helping them sow seeds, plant trees and assist in weeding.

Opportunity

For schools without gardens it's the ideal opportunity to involve adults in the community from the beginning to establish some form of gardening facility in the school.

For both types of schools the event can even be used to raise funds through plant sales and raffles.

Entering its third year, Get Your Grown-ups Growing has developed from a small pilot project based in Yorkshire to a national success involving 1,000 schools. Of the schools that held an event last year, 74 per cent

said it had increased their children's interest in gardening, while more than half reported an increase in adult support and adult interest in gardening.

Jacky Chave, RHS strategic schools manager, says: "Having a school garden is a fantastic asset for teachers and pupils as it provides a multitude of learning opportunities, but we know it can take a lot of hard work to maintain. By involving parents and other local adults through an event like Get Your Grown-ups Growing, we hope that school gardens will be looked after all year round and enthusiasm for gardening and growing will spread beyond the school gates and into children's homes."

The RHS hopes to see 2,000 schools register for this year's Get Your Grown-ups Growing event, double last year's figure. All registered schools will be entered into a free prize draw to win garden tools and materials.

To register, schools must sign up to the RHS Campaign for School Gardening via www.rhs.org.uk/gyyg and click on the 'Get Your Grown-ups Growing' button on the home page.

Schools which register will receive a free support pack including seeds, event ideas, information templates, stickers and more.

Each school can choose any date in October to hold its event and organise activities to suit its requirements.



Alan Titchmarsh hopes to get school children and adults from the local community involved in gardening

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Case file: Betty's story



Betty: Finding relief after undergoing dental implant surgery

Case file: Peter's story

Why I'm still smiling six months on

SIX months on after receiving denture implants following a catalogue of unresolved problems Peter is still thrilled with his new smile.

He recalls the terrible experience he endured before being prescribed his new teeth by the Denture Clinic, saying he wished he could have encountered clinical dental technician Steven Burchell sooner.

"I had four sets of dentures made, eventually having to be given a refund because none of them would remain secure in my mouth. My experience

now is very different. Nothing deters me from eating any particular meal.

"I had no need of any follow-up treatment, the fit is just perfect and the stability is just like your own teeth. I have had not a single sore spot and the fix is as good now as when I had them fitted," said the 61-year-old.

Peter adds that "the natural look" would challenge any onlooker to realise his teeth were not his own.

"The film industry is full of people with implants, but they often don't look as natural as the teeth I have been given.

"While initial costs may appear high, having considered the long-term benefits of the treatment, I felt confident I was making the right decision and that has certainly been proved over the last six months." The experience was totally professional and I would feel confident recommending Mr Burchell to other patients."

The implant surgery was carried out by implantologist Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the Denture Clinic has a long-established working relationship.



Peter: Implants were the right decision

Transformations

Years of pain ends after dental implant procedure

A WOMAN who had suffered years of pain with two jaw conditions has finally found relief after undergoing dental implant surgery. Betty had worn dentures for many years but developed neuralgia and her trigeminal nerve had become inflamed.

"I had terrible jaw pain and suffered pins and needles in the side of head and tongue. It's a terrible condition. I'd had an MRI scan and seen a specialist but was still without relief," she said.

Clinical dental technician Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng) had made dentures for Betty seven years ago and she returned to his clinic to inquire about a new prescription because the lower denture had lost its stability.

"I had put up with the floating effect of my lower denture and needed to address the problem. My lower gum had receded so much my denture was pressing down on a nerve and causing me pain," she said.

"Steven explained the benefits of implant-retained dentures and told me it would allow my bite to be opened some more. Since having the implants on my lower denture, I have experienced no more pain," she added.

Mr Burchell said all dentures have a shelf life and Betty's denture problem was due to shrinkage of her gums – a naturally occurring aging process.

"When people do not have any natural teeth remaining, the bone will shrink away. For dentures not to fit snugly after this amount of time is not

unusual. All patients with dentures need to have regular 12-monthly checks," he added.

"We knew that by going down the implants route we could considerably increase her bite and we hoped for an improved outcome on her condition."

"We would never have dreamed that the final clinical result could be so rewarding with Betty being free from pain."

The implants were fitted by Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc of Parkside Dental Practice, Park Road West, Wolverhampton.

"My memories of horrible dental work from 30 years ago are far removed from today's treatment. It wasn't painful having the implants, and took about 20 minutes to complete the surgery," recalled Betty.

"I was looked after very well by Jonathon and his staff before and after surgery and they answered any queries I had."

"I now have my new dentures which were fitted by Steven. I think they look really good and I am so surprised at how well I can eat. I am not biting on the nerve anymore. Wonderful!"

"I never felt rushed during the whole process, Steven gives you all the time you need to get the denture you want."



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Alan to head the comedy capers

THE COMEDY highlight of the next week will be that chatty man Alan Carr's two nights at Birmingham NIA over the weekend, October 1 and 2.

But there are also laughs to be had in Wolverhampton with Russell Kane at the Wulfrun Hall on Sunday (Oct 2) and Hal Cruttenden at The Slade Rooms on Tuesday (Oct 4).

Meanwhile, the much-loved comedienne and actress Beryl Reid will be remembered in Roll Out The Beryl at the city's Arena Theatre tomorrow night (Friday, Sep 30). Expect a guest appearance from her marvellous Brummie character Marlene.

Perky

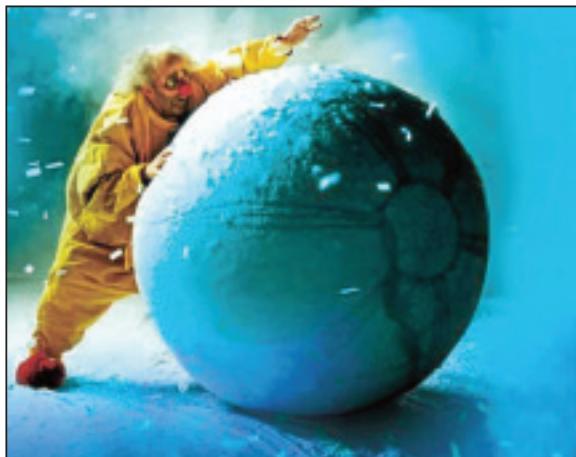
Camp humour and music combine in pink and perky hit show Legally Blonde The Musical. The touring version of the West End hit arrives at Birmingham's New Alex on Tuesday and runs until October 15. It's a great girls' night out.

The Real Deal Comedy Jam brings American stand-up star Cocoa Brown to the Alex on Saturday as part of a five comic bill.

Birmingham Royal Ballet performs its sumptuous version of Beauty and the Beast at Birmingham Hippodrome until Sunday, and there is Chinese circus at Wolverhampton Grand with Shanghai by Cirque du Soleil.

Classic drama follows at the Grand with the West End version of First World War drama Journey's End from October 4 to 8.

There's no show like Slava's Snowshow



Slava Polunin creates a dream-like world which amazes young and old alike

Cinema date for Black Country Communion

FOR one night only, on Tuesday, November 1 at 7.30pm, 15 Vue Cinemas nationwide – including Birmingham – will screen Black Country Communion's debut concert film Live Over Europe in high definition and Dolby 5.1 Surround Sound.

Black Country Communion is the Anglo-American rock group featuring the talents of Carnock-raised bassist/vocalist Glenn Hughes

(Deep Purple, Trapeze), blues rock guitarist/vocalist Joe Bonamassa, Dudley-born drummer Jason Bonham (who followed his father into the Led Zeppelin drumseat), and keyboardist Derek Shearin (Dream Theater).

Live Over Europe was filmed using 14 HD cameras during BCC's first world tour in the summer of 2011. Recorded across three nights in Hamburg, Munich and Berlin, the

band's set includes 18 songs taken from both of BCC's albums, 2010's eponymous debut, and this year's follow-up album release 2.

This one-night-only cinema experience includes an exclusive filmed introduction from all four members of the band. By pre-booking tickets via www.myvue.com/bcc fans will be automatically entered into a prize draw to win a guitar signed by the band.



Concert – Black Country Communion

UNLESS you caught one of his previous rare visits to the UK, you will have seen nothing else quite like Slava's Snowshow, the dream-like creation of brilliant Russian clown Slava Polunin.

The France-based entertainer tours the world with his unique and spectacular production, last seen in Birmingham several years ago. But he is bringing his company of clowns back for performances at Birmingham Hippodrome from November 9 to 13.

Slava's vision of clowning is light years away from the tired old big top stereotype. Once seen never forgotten, his show creates an alternative world of strange, surreal beauty where very peculiar things happen, such as a coat and hat stand getting a life of its own or a blizzard happening indoors.

Awards

Slava Polunin was influenced by such artists as Charles Chaplin and Marcel Marceau and he himself went on to influence some of Cirque du Soleil's greatest flights of fancy.

Slava's Snowshow has garnered a shelf full of awards and has been performed in 120 cities in 30 countries to more than three million spectators, and his latest UK visit will include a season at London's Royal Festival Hall.

Few productions really deserve the description 'magical' but Slava's Snowshow does, especially in the famous finale when the audience are united in child-like glee as giant bouncing balls are released into the auditorium.

Tickets are priced at £14 to £30. Special discounts for families available at certain performances. Tickets available on 0844 338 5000 or online at www.birminghamhippodrome.com. Casts cost from 5p per minute and a five per cent booking fee applies.



Chart sensation Adele will play at the Civic Hall

Adele's concerts are rescheduled

SINGING sensation Adele has rescheduled her two Wolverhampton Civic Hall dates which were postponed due to her chest infection.

The Londoner, whose second album 21 has been a global success, has rearranged six of her UK tour dates from earlier this month for November. The rescheduled Civic dates will now take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8. Tickets for September 10 remain valid for November 7 and September 11 tickets for November 8.

Should the rescheduled dates be unsuitable, face value refunds are available from point of purchase on return of tickets. All enquiries to Midland Box Office on 0870 320 7000.

Pumpkins carving out new UK tour

INFLUENTIAL Chicago rock band The Smashing Pumpkins are back on the road and will close their week-long UK tour in November with a gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on Saturday, November 19.

The band featuring singer and guitarist Billy Corgan, guitarist Jeff Schroeder, bassist Nicole Fiorentino and drummer Mike Byrne made an immediate impact in 1991 with their platinum-selling debut *Gish*. In a career selling 30 million albums they also released *Mellon Collie* and *The Infinite Sadness*, *Siamese Dream* and *Adore*, before returning in 2007 with sixth album *Zeitgeist*. Of their new music, Corgan says: "It harkens back to the original psychedelic roots of The Smashing Pumpkins – atmospheric, melodic, heavy and pretty."

What's on at THE VENUE?

**Midweek offer entertainment only Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday
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Friday 9th Dec	UB40 Johnny 2 Bad	£32.00 per person
Friday 16th Dec	Abba Tribute	£31.00 per person
Saturday 17th Dec	Robbie Williams Tribute - Ollie Hughes	£31.00 per person
Sunday 18th Dec	Soul and Motown Night	£25.95 per person
Friday 23rd Dec	Motown and Soul	£31.00 per person
Saturday 24th Dec	Motown and Soul	£31.00 per person
Package includes: Programme:	4 Course Gala Dinner, Coffee & Mince Pies, Novelties & Live Entertainment and DJ until late. 19.00: Bar opens; 19.15pm Dinner service starts; 21.30: Entertainment/DJ commences; 01.00: Last orders at bar	
Dress code:	Smart casual or evening wear	

Disco Nights

Whether you like your music cool or cheesy...

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Re-live some classics from the past eras with live entertainment from our Resident DJ.
Saturday 3rd Dec 70's & 80's
Saturday 10th Dec 80's & 90's
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Bollywood Nights

Wednesday 7th December East Meets West - Western Decoration, Eastern Food, 3 Course Meal, Kids Entertainment, DJ
Wednesday 14th December Bhangra & R'n'B Night - Live Bhangra Dancers, 3 Course Meal, Kids Entertainment, DJ
Wednesday 21st December Bollywood Night - Bollywood Dancers, 3 Course Meal, Kids Entertainment, DJ
Adults £22.95, Children (under 10s only): £11.50, Under 3s Free of Charge
Starters: Fish Pakora, Chilli Paneer, Seekh Kebab, Paneer Tikka, Samosa Chutneys, Green Salad, Chana Chaa, Spring Roll
Mains: Lamb Rogan Josh, Mutter Paneer, Bombay Potato, Dal Tadka, Naan, Jeera Rice
Desserts: Guleb Jamun, Ice Cream

Christmas Bookings Now Being Taken

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Saturday 15th Oct 2011	90s Disco Package deal £17.95 to include Venue Cuisine buffet beforehand	£5.00 adv / £7.00 door
Friday 28th October 2011	Ska Tribute Night with The 2tones Act Package to include Venue Cuisine buffet £19.95 per person	£7.00 adv / £9.00 door
Saturday 5th Nov 2011	UB40 Tribute with Labour of Love act Package to include Venue Cuisine buffet £18.95 per person	£6.00 adv / £8.00 door
Friday 18th Nov 2011	Curry & Comedy Night with Giggety, Tommy Munden & Aynuk Tickets to include curry and comedy act £14.95 per person	£8.00 adv / £10.00 door
Friday 25th Nov 2011	Beatles Tribute Night with Abbey Road act Package to include Venue Cuisine buffet £20.95 per person	£8.00 adv / £10.00 door
Saturday 12th Nov 2011	Boogie Nights - 70s & 80s Package deal £17.95 to include Venue Cuisine buffet beforehand	£5.00 adv / £7.00 door

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Saturday TV

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MERLIN

BBC1, 7.50pm

In the first of a two-part opener, the eponymous spell-caster faces his toughest challenge yet when Morgana's single-minded determination threatens not only Arthur's future, but also the balance of the world. With her power stronger than ever, the sorceress summons the mighty Calleach to rip open the veil between the real and supernatural worlds. The locals are terrified as demonic beasts pour forth, killing everyone they touch. With Uther a shadow of his former self, Arthur and his loyal knights are left to protect the kingdom. The cast includes Colin Morgan, Anthony Head and Richard Wilson.

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.05 Film: Goal II: Living the Dream. (2007) Football drama, starring Kuno Becker. 2.50 Don't Scare the Hare. 3.30 A Question of Sport. (R) 4.00 Celebrity MasterChef. 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.30 Celebrity MasterChef.

6.00 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the second of this weekend's two live shows, as seven more couples take to the floor with either a cha-cha or waltz. 7.05 Doctor Who. The Time Lord makes his final journey to the shores of Lake Silencio in Utah. Last in the series. 7.50 Merlin. New series. Part one of two. Camelot is attacked by creatures from another world.

8.35 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Two brothers answer questions in the high-tension quiz show hosted by Nick Knowles.

9.25 Casualty. Linda resorts to desperate measures to help Annie. 10.15 BBC News; Weather. 10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Everton v Liverpool; National Lottery Update. 12.00 The Football League Show. 1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 BBC News.

BBC1

BBC2

ITV1

Channel 4

Channel 5

Digital

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 12.45 Astaire and Rogers Sing the Great American Songbook. (R) 1.15 Film: Flying Down to Rio. (1933) Musical, starring Gene Raymond. 2.40 claim 2 gain Compensation Specialists

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6.00 Live Rugby World Cup. England v Scotland (Kick-off 8.30am). 11.30 ITV News; Weather. 11.40 Coronation Street. 2.00 The X Factor. (R) 3.30 People Do the Funniest Things Abroad. (R) 4.30 Rugby World Cup Highlights. 5.30 Regional Programmes. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed! 6.30 All Star Family Fortunes. With Emmerdale actor Christopher Bisson and McFly's Harry Judd. 7.30 The X Factor. Celebrity guests help the judges select the final 16.

9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Gary Barlow, Tulisa Contostavlos, Ewan McGregor and Steve Coogan.

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6.00 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Film Show. (R) 7.00 Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson. (R) 7.05 Superbike World Championship 2011. (R) 7.30 British Formula 3 International Series. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Jason Derulo's Rn'B It Girls Top 20. 9.25 T4: Smallville. (R) 10.20 T4: What's Your Number? T4 Movie Special. 10.50 T4: Cher Lloyd: Video Exclusive. 10.55 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 11.25 T4: Made in Chelsea. 12.30 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.25 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 4.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.15

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Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.45 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.20 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.50 Channel 4 News. 7.20 4thought. 7.25 FILM: X-Men Origins: Wolverine. (2009) Superhero adventure prequel, starring Hugh Jackman. 9.30 The Million Pound Drop Live. 10.55 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. 11.45 Rude Tube. (R)

12.30 Live Rugby World Cup. Argentina v Georgia (Kick-off 1.00am). 3.05 Live Rugby World Cup. New Zealand v Canada (Kick-off 3.30am). 5.30 Live Rugby World Cup. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.00 Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) 12.00 Big Brother: The Eviction Interview. (R) 12.30 Superior Interiors with Kelly Hoppen. (R) 1.30 Film: Zulu Dawn. (1979) Fact-based historical drama, starring Burt Lancaster. 3.50 Film: The Battle at Apache Pass. (1952) Western, with Jeff Chandler. 5.30 Film: Battle of the Bulge. (1965) Second World War drama, starring Robert Shaw.

8.20 5 News Weekend. 8.25 NCIS. A suspect dies while being restrained by Ziva, who finds herself accused of using undue force and becomes the subject of an internal investigation. Drama, starring Cote de Pablo. (R)

9.30 Big Brother. Highlights of the latest goings-on, including the latest eviction from the housemates' point of view.

10.25 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. An investment banker is found dead and suspicion falls on his boyfriend, a professional American football player desperate to keep his sexuality a secret.

11.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2

3.20 The Only Way Is Essex 4.50 The X Factor 6.20 Film: Catwoman (2004) Superhero adventure, starring Halle Berry. 8.30 Homes from Hell 9.30 The Xtra Factor 10.30 Celebrity Juice 11.15 Film: Happy Gilmore (1996)

ITV3

2.25 Mansfield Park 4.10 Rosemary & Thyme 5.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 A Touch of Frost 11.00 Inspector Morse

ITV4

3.05 British Superbike Championship Highlights 4.05 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) 7.00 Rugby World Cup Highlights 8.00 Minder 9.00 Johnny Vegas Live at the Bifornium Palace 10.30 Film: American Gangster (2007) Fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe.

BBC THREE

7.00 Top Gear 8.05 World's Craziest Fools 8.35 Doctor Who Confidential 9.20 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel 9.30 Film: Con Air (1997) 11.20 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 Life 8.00 Michael Wood's Story of England 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.35 Sandhurst 11.35 Top of the Pops: 1976

E4

1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Made in Chelsea 5.00 One Tree Hill 6.00 Samantha Who? 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.55 Perfect Couples 8.25 How I Met Your Mother 8.55 Happy Endings 9.30 Film: Babylon AD (2008) Sci-fi adventure, starring Vin Diesel. 11.10 The Cleveland Show

FILM4

3.05 Yangtze Incident (1957) 4.55 Tristan and Isolde (2006) 7.15 Bedazzled (2000) Fantasy comedy remake, starring Brendan Fraser. 9.00 A Time to Kill (1996) 11.50 Saw II (2005)

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Sunday TV

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THAT SUNDAY NIGHT SHOW

ITV1, 10.15pm

Sometimes it's easy to forget that despite fronting much-maligned breakfast shows Daybreak and ITV's UEFA Champions League coverage, Aled Jones is actually a proper, bona fide journalist. Therefore, his ability to host a series like this is undoubtedly, but whether or not his talents are suited to the format is questionable. As usual, the content is very much up-to-the-minute, so there's no way to tell where the news will take it, but usual topics up for discussion between Aled and his guests are the latest political headlines, and celebrity八卦.

BBC1

9.00 Breakfast 9.00 *World of the Day* (F) 9.00 *The Andrew Marr Show* 9.00 *Sunday Morning Live* 9.00 *Country Think* 9.00 *The Politics Show* 9.00 *EachIndia* 9.00 *Escape to the Country* 9.00 *Death on a Midsummer Night* (F) 9.00 *Planet Doctor* (F) 9.00 *Points of View* 9.00 *Songs of Praise*.

9.30 *BBC Travel* *England & Wales* (F)

9.30 *Countryfile* *Motor Baker* and Helen Skelton visit the World Sheep Dog Trials

9.30 *Autumn Breakfast* *Flora Bruce* and the experts visit Lulworth Castle in Dorset, where items include a copy of the abolition papers of Edward VIII and a leather tankard made for Oliver Cromwell.

9.30 *Specials* *An anarchist* enters the country

10.00 *BBC Travel* *England & Wales* (F)

10.30 *It's In The Job* *Comedians discuss* Woolly Allen, Richard Pryor, Jack Dee and Laurel and Hardy (F)

10.30 *Orbit* *British* *Bent* is determined to enter a school talent competition (F)

10.30 *ITV News* *Robert* *With Deborah Meaden and Stappi Khercand* (F)

10.30 *The Sky at Night* 9.30 *Weathernews* 9.30 *Sign Zone* *Dragon Den* (F) 9.30 *Holiday City* (F) 9.30 *Antique Road Trip* (F) 9.30 *Whitewash* (F) 9.30 *BBC News* 9.30 *Clock*.

BBC2

9.00 *Cbeebies* 9.00 *MotoGP*: The Japanese Grand Prix (Start-time 7.00am) 9.00 *CBBG* 9.00 *Something for the Weekend* 9.00 *The Great British Bake Off* (F) 9.00 *MotoGP* (F) 9.00

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Racing from Longchamp 9.00 *Rugby League* 9.00 *James May's Thing You Need to Know* 9.00 *The RIBA Stirling Prize 2011: A Culture Show Special*.

9.00 *Dragon's Den* *New* *Now's The Time* (F)

9.00 *It's A Small World* *Jeanmarie* *Blanchet* *The* *Brooklander* embarks on a journey across Brazil. Last in the coffee.

9.00 *It's In The World* *How* *language contributes to* *people's identity*

9.00 *British* *It's In The Day 2* *Including highlights of* *Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal*.

9.00 *Black* *The Week* *With* *guests* *Million Jones* and *Ed Byrne* (F)

9.00 *ITV News* *Robert* (2005) *Premiere*. Urban drama, starring *Noel Clarke*.

9.00 *The RIBA Stirling Prize 2011: A Culture Show Special* (F) 9.00 *BBC News* 9.30 *Clock*.

ITV1

9.00 *Live* *Rugby* *World Cup* *Ireland v Italy* (Kick-off 8.00am) 9.00 *ITV News* *Weather* 9.00 *Fairytales* *Dragonheart* (1996) *Fantasy* adventure, starring Dennis Quaid 9.00 *The X Factor* (F) 9.00 *Countryfile* *The Red Downton Abbey* (F) 9.00 *Rugby World Cup* *Highlights*.

9.15 *Regius* *It's In The Week* 9.30 *ITV News* *Weather*.

9.30 *It's In The Job* *in* *Edinburgh*.

Three more contestants take part.

9.30 *The X Factor* *The* *Judges* have to tell the remaining acts in their categories who has made it into the final 10, and who is heading home disappointed. Dermot O'Leary presents.

9.30 *Reunited* *Abbey*. The *voluntarily* *officers* *arrive* *at* *Downton*.

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9.00 *Black* *The Week* *With* *guests* *Million Jones* and *Richard Marley*.

9.00 *ITV News* *Robert*.

9.00 *It's In The Day 2* *With* *John* *Lemon*, *starring* *Aaron* *Jackson*.

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9.00 *ITV News* <



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Last chance to buy at Oldbury development

Just a few chances remain for property-seekers to own a dream home at Taylor Wimpey's fast-selling Beresford Grove development in Oldbury, West Midlands.

The final plots at this exciting new development are now on sale – a trio of stylish apartments and the spacious four-bedroom 'Balmoral' house-type – and with all the other properties at Beresford Grove now sold, time has almost run out for house-hunters looking to secure a home here.

Jan Titley, sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey West Midlands, says: "It's no surprise that we've almost sold out of our high-quality homes at this stunning development in such a convenient and well-connected location."

The final plots are all gorgeous contemporary homes, with price tags that are well within reach for those starting out on the property ladder, whether they're looking for a chic apartment lifestyle, or space for a growing family."

Fast-moving first-time buyers can still get help to step on the property ladder at Beresford Grove with the Government's new FirstBuy scheme.

This fantastic initiative lets qualifying pur-

chasers secure their new home for as little as 80 per cent of the full purchase price – including a 75 per cent mortgage and a five per cent deposit, subject to status – and is available with selected two-bedroom 'Sandringham' apartments and the 'Balmoral' townhouse.

The 'Balmoral', for example, can be accessed by qualifying first-time buyers for 80 per cent of its £156,995 purchase price under the FirstBuy scheme. This fantastic family-size home boasts an integral garage, a spacious kitchen/dining room, a stunning first-floor lounge and four well-proportioned bedrooms, including an en-suite master bedroom – plus flooring included throughout!

Selected

Alternatively, selected 'Sandringham' apartments, priced from just £79,995, are also on offer with FirstBuy, each featuring a bright and airy living/dining room located off the private entrance hallway, plus a separate kitchen, two bedrooms and a main bathroom – and are ready to move into now. With such fabulous deals on the table, anyone hoping to secure one of the last properties at Beresford Grove should act today to avoid missing out.

This popular development enjoys a handy location less than a mile from Oldbury's busy town centre, which boasts a wealth of high street shops,

pubs and eateries, while a wider range of shopping and leisure facilities can be found in nearby Dudley. Birmingham city centre lies only five miles from home and can be easily reached by car or public transport, with buses running every 10 minutes and a choice of railway stations with frequent services to Birmingham Snow Hill and New Street all within walking distance of the development.

Commuters will appreciate that Junctions 1 and 2 of the M5 are both only a short drive away, providing quick links to the M6, the M42 and the M40, while the Midland Metro tram link makes journeys to Wolverhampton and Birmingham even easier.

For those travelling further afield, Birmingham International Airport is just over 20 miles from Beresford Grove.

To be in with a chance of securing one of the final new homes at Beresford Grove, property-seekers can visit the Sales and Marketing Suite, located off Seymour Road, Oldbury, and open seven days a week from 10am to 5pm.

Alternatively, viewing appointments can be booked by calling the sales executive on 0845 026 3993, or by visiting the website at www.taylorwimpey.co.uk, where virtual tours of the 'Sandringham' apartment and the 'Balmoral' townhouse are also available.



"The final plots are all gorgeous contemporary homes, with price tags that are well within reach for those starting out on the property ladder," says Jan Titley, of Taylor Wimpey

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BRERLEY HILL, LANCASTER ROAD

- Impressive semi detached property
- Cul de sac location
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
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- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- Delightful rear garden
- Garage & driveway
- No DSS, No Pets

£550 PCM



QUARRY BANK, VICTORIA ROAD

- Superb modern town house
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- GCH & UPVC double glazing
- Stone chipped rear garden
- Parking space to rear

£550 PCM



BRERLEY HILL, HEYDON ROAD

- Superb town house, recently refurbished
- Three bedrooms
- Attractive through lounge
- Fitted shaker styled kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- GCH and UPVC double glazing
- Rear garden & driveway
- Unfurnished

£550 PCM



WORDSLEY, POPLARS

- Impressive semi detached house
- Cul de sac location
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge with feature fireplace
- Splendid refitted kitchen with built in oven & hob
- Fitted dining kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- Delightful rear garden
- Garage & driveway
- No DSS, No Pets

£595 PCM



BRERLEY HILL, SQUIRES COURT

- Impressive modern end terraced house within the popular Lakeside development
- Two bedrooms
- Superb lounge in staircase
- Spacious lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted dining kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden and driveway
- No DSS, No Pets

£565 PCM



NETHERTON, COPSE ROAD

- Recently refurbished three bedroom end terrace property
- Superb lounge
- Spacious dining room
- Modern kitchen with built in oven & hob
- Ground floor cloakroom/wc
- First floor bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
- Delightful rear garden and driveway
- No DSS, No Pets

£550 PCM



AMBLOCOTE, STEWKINS

- Splendid one bedroom ground floor apartment
- Combined lounge and kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Shower room
- Storage heating
- Off road parking to the rear
- Unfurnished

£350 PCM



BRERLEY HILL, MILL STREET

- 2 Storey retail premises
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- Ground floor basin
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CRADLEY HEATH, BEARMORE ROAD

- Splendid modern semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Splendid lounge with French doors
- Attractive fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- Delightful rear garden
- No DSS, No Pets

£510 PCM



NETHERTON, COSFORD DRIVE

- Impressive mews house
- Two bedrooms
- Superb lounge
- Splendid refitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- Delightful landscaped rear garden and block paved driveway

£495 PCM



MERRY HILL, BRIERLEY HILL, COLUMBUS AVENUE

- Impressive recently constructed top floor apartment within the popular Merry Hill Centre
- Open plan lounge and kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Splendid refitted kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- Video entrance hall and allocated parking
- No DSS, No Pets

£425 PCM



TIPTON, WILKINSON HOUSE

- Impressive recently constructed top floor apartment
- Two bedrooms, master with built in wardrobes
- Splendid lounge
- Fitted kitchen with built in oven, hob, fridge and washer dryer
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
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Dudley



This property is on the market with estate agent Berriman Eaton for offers based on £499,950

Family home is available for offers starting around £499,950

VIEWING of a refurbished and well presented 1 Bed First floor Flat. Separate Lounge. Fitted Kitchen/Diner. Double Bedroom. Bath & Shower. GCH. UPVC. Available Now.

porch. A glazed front door gives access into the reception hall, where doors lead off to the guest cloakroom and the 24ft 9in x 13ft 1in through lounge.

From here, double doors lead to the dining room while there's also a separate sitting room.

Contemporary

In the refitted family kitchen/diner, there's a range of contemporary wall and base units, worksurfaces, an inset double sink unit with drainer and mixer tap, integrated electric oven and microwave, range style gas cooker, stainless steel extractor hood, plumbing for an American style fridge freezer and ceramic tiled flooring.

The adjoining utility has shelving, a sink and drainer with mixer tap, rolled edge worksurface, tiled flooring and access to the loft and side lobby.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has a re-fitted en suite comprising a glazed

shower cubicle with a multi-jet power shower, fitted vanity unit incorporating a wash basin, cupboards and mirror, heated towel rail, extractor fan, WC and tiled flooring.

There are three further bedrooms and a re-fitted family bathroom featuring a large spa-bath, multi-jet power shower, chrome towel rail, fitted vanity unit with wash basin and storage, WC, tiled flooring and extractor fan.

Outside, the property is approached via a driveway with landscaped areas, block paving, a lawn and variety of mature shrubs and trees and leads to the garage, which has an up-and-over electric door, power and lighting.

The rear private lawned garden has a patio while the landscaped side area features block paving, wood decking and a heated swimming pool.

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SUMMIT PLACE

- ★ Detached ★ Off village centre
- ★ Garage style ★ Fully refurbished
- ★ Lounge ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gas CH ★ Double glazed
- ★ Parking
- ★ Additional side land available

OFFERS BASED ON £139,950

GORNAL



PARK ROAD

- ★ Semi-detached
- ★ Lounge ★ Dining room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gas C/Htg
- ★ Need of refurbishment

OFFERS BASED ON £79,950

GORNAL



HILLSIDE

- ★ Semi-detached
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Dining area
- ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Utility
- ★ Ground floor cloaks
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gas c/heating
- ★ Large plot

OFFERS BASED ON £97,500

GORNAL



NEW STREET

- ★ Mid terraced
- ★ Fully refurbished
- ★ Immaculate throughout
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen & integrated appliances
- ★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Landscaped private garden
- ★ Gas central heating ★ Double glazed

Offers based on £97,500

GORNAL



MUSK LANE WEST

- ★ Semi-detached
- ★ Popular location
- ★ Porch ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Formal dining room
- ★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage
- ★ Gas c/heating ★ Double glazed

OFFERS BASED ON £139,950

UPPER GORNAL



- ★ Corner plot
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gas central heating ★ Double glazed

OFFERS BASED ON £92,500

GORNAL



EVE LANE

- ★ Traditional Semi
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom ★ Parking
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Double Glazed
- ★ Private Garden

OFFERS BASED ON £112,500

GORNAL



- ★ Semi-detached ★
- In need of refurbishment ★ Hall
- ★ Lounge ★ Dining room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gardens
- ★ Double glazed ★ Gas central heating

REDUCED £94,950

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Dudley


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Sanders, Wright & Freemanis handling the sale of this semi-detached in Southbourne Road, Fordhouses

Much extended and improved property

This outstanding three bedroom semi-detached home has undergone extension and improvement by the current owner to provide excellent family living accommodation.

The property – in Southbourne Road, Fordhouses – is situated in a popular location convenient for local shops, access into Wolverhampton and the M54 motorway.

It is beautifully presented throughout and comprises reception hall, through living/dining room, extended and re-fitted kitchen, ground floor shower room, three bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom.

The property is approached via a

block paved driveway providing of road parking for a number of vehicles.

Inside, a reception hall sees a staircase to the first floor landing, and doors leading off to the through living/dining room measuring 24ft 9in by 10ft 10in, a living area with tilt and slide patio doors to the rear and a dining area.

Stainless

The dining kitchen – 13ft 10in by 12ft 6in – has a tiled floor, part-tiled walls, fitted breakfast bar and a range of wall, drawer and base units with roll edge work surfaces above incorporating a stainless steel sink and drainer unit with mixer tap. There is a built-in oven and grill with extractor hood above, plumbing for a washing machine and dishwasher and space

for a tumble dryer and fridge freezer.

The ground floor shower room has tiled walls and floor with contemporary white suite comprising close-coupled wc, pedestal wash basin and shower cubicle.

On the first floor the family bathroom has tiled walls and floor and contemporary white suite comprising WC, wash hand basin and panelled bath with mixer tap.

Outside, to the rear is an extremely well maintained and generous enclosed garden with patio and decked areas, timber shed and a shaped lawn with a variety of flower and shrub borders.

The property is available for offers based on £142,500 via estate agent Sanders, Wright & Freeman on 01902 575 555.



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DUDLEY, COWLEY DRIVE, MILKING BANK

Price Guide £119,950

- Modern Detached at the popular 'Milking Bank', corner position
- Cul-de-sac location, Driveway Parking and Tandem Garage
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows (except garage)
- Lounge, Dining/Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite
- Good size Rear Garden. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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DUDLEY



ABBOTSFORD DRIVE

- ★ Set on a large plot, cul-de-sac
- ★ Detached bungalow, 2 double bedrooms
- ★ Two conservatories
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Lounge and separate dining area
- ★ Tandem garage ★ Driveway
- ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £189,950



SEDGLEY



EVERSLEY GROVE

- ★ A luxuriously appointed traditional semi.
- ★ Enhanced and extended,
- ★ Recently re-fitted modern kitchen
- ★ Large utility room with storage off
- ★ Dining room ★ Conservatory ★ Gym
- ★ Four bedrooms & modern family bathroom.
- ★ Block paved driveway & pleasant rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £184,950



ETTINGSHALL PARK



CAMBERLEY CRESCENT

- ★ A beautifully presented 3 bedroom traditional semi
- ★ Enhanced by the current owners
- ★ Third bedroom extended into loft space
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Kitchen ★ Conservatory
- ★ Modern bathroom (with separate shower cubicle)
- ★ Garage and delightful rear gardens.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £172,500



ETTINGSHALL PARK



FARRINGTON ROAD

- ★ An extended traditional 'Muklow' style house
- ★ Lounge and spacious dining room
- ★ Kitchen. ★ Cloakroom
- ★ Three good sized bedrooms
- ★ Upvc double glazing
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Garage. Pleasant rear gardens
- ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £169,950



UPPER GORNAL



OLD PARK ROAD

- ★ An extremely well presented semi, enhanced and extended
- ★ Lounge ★ Sun room
- ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Guest wc
- ★ Workshop ★ Loft room
- ★ Three bedrooms, two with fitted furniture
- ★ Delightful rear garden with
- ★ Upvc double glazing
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double width garage.
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950



COSELEY



YEW TREE LANE

- ★ A traditional bay fronted semi-detached
- ★ Walking distance to Coseley station
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Upvc double glazing
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double width garage.
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £134,950



COSELEY



HAVACRE LANE

- ★ A realistically priced linked detached
- ★ Walking distance to Coseley station
- ★ Lounge and dining kitchen
- ★ Two good sized bedrooms
- ★ Upvc double glazed
- ★ 21ft garage ★ block paved driveway
- ★ Low maintenance rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £134,950



COSELEY



BERRINGTON DRIVE

- ★ A three bedroom semi-detached property
- ★ In a quiet residential location
- ★ Open plan style living room
- ★ Dining kitchen ★ conservatory
- ★ Three bedrooms & bathroom
- ★ Upvc double glazed windows
- ★ Garage & off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950



SEDGLEY



ARCAL STREET

- ★ A ideal first time purchase
- ★ Traditional style semi. close to Sedgley centre
- ★ Open plan kitchen with dining area
- ★ Good sized lounge with access to garden
- ★ Three bedrooms ★ Newly refitted bathroom
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Garage and driveway parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950



LOWER GORNAL



BROOKDALE

- ★ Substantial sized three bed semi.
- ★ Situated on a large corner plot beyond delightful front gardens
- ★ Extended Kitchen & bathroom
- ★ Dining area ★ lounge
- ★ Gas central heating ★ Part double glazed
- ★ Garage
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £109,950



SEDGLEY



CLAREMONT COTTAGES

- ★ A purpose built one bedroom bungalow
- ★ Short walk from Sedgley town centre
- ★ Double glazing
- ★ Private rear garden
- ★ Driveway parking
- ★ Some updating required
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £94,000



LOWER GORNAL



BROOKDALE

- ★ Three bedroomed semi-detached
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ New fitted kitchen
- ★ Downstairs cloakroom
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Part double glazed
- ★ Good sized rear garden

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Baldwin Lodge Astley Hall Astley DY13 0RS

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Blakebrook, Kidderminster,

This fabulous and elegant family home offers great versatility with an abundance of character situated in one of the most popular, sought after and convenient residential locations. Inspection thoroughly recommended

- 6 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Family Kitchen Diner
- Laundry Room and Cloakroom
- Large Split cellar
- Generous Walled Gardens
- Attached Coach House

Offers Invited £550,000



The Honey Farm, 1a Belbroughton Road, Blakelow

The Honey Farm is a very well presented and versatile family home offering well proportioned accommodation in the most popular village of Blakelow

- 4 Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Generous Kitchen diner and Utility
- Ground Floor Shower room
- Detached Garage and Gardens

Offers Invited £425,000



The Long Barn, Romsley,

The Long Barn is a very well presented and extended detached barn conversion, set in generous gardens and grounds with excellent equestrian facilities and approximately 5.5 acres of land and paddocks

- 4 Bedrooms
- Drawing Room and Study
- Conservatory/Dining/Family Room
- Kitchen Breakfast Room and Utility
- Approx 5.5 Acres
- Menage and Paddocks

Offers Invited £615,000



Frogmore Cottage, Wolverley, Kidderminster

Frogmore Cottage is a beautifully presented double fronted period home full of character having been carefully restored and extended to provide well proportioned family accommodation. The location is equally impressive in the heart of the village of Wolverley with easy access to the local amenities

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen with Living Area
- Utility Room, Cloakroom and Cellar
- Gardens and Detached Double Garage

Offers Invited £595,000



Mill House, Hurnott Village, Kidderminster,

A beautifully presented semi-detached family home full of character set in the heart of Hurnott Village, a most popular and convenient village location

- Dining and Sitting rooms
- Kitchen and Utility
- 3 Double Bedrooms Master Ensuite
- Double Garage
- Delightful Cottage Gardens

Offers Invited £415,000



Woodland Rise, Kinver

A wonderful & unique detached family home with outstanding panoramic views. This individual property offers split level accommodation in this popular village location with self contained living space perfect for an Independent Annex, currently used as a Gym, Games Room & Bar with Lounge & W.C.

- 4/5 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- 3/4 Reception Rooms
- Balcony and Views
- Heated Indoor Swimming Pool
- Garage, Parking and Gardens
- Fully Fitted Kitchen Diner

Offers invited £795,000



Sebright Cottage, Blakeshall, Wolverley

Sebright Cottage is a deceptively spacious cottage with immense charm and character being beautifully presented to combine both character and contemporary living.

- Generous Living Room
- Contemporary Kitchen
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Master En suite
- Family Bathroom
- Garage/Workshop
- Private Enclosed Garden

Offers invited £410,000



Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster

A substantial detached family home with generous and flexible accommodation over three floors, set within private and enclosed gardens. Potential for independent annexe accommodation. Internal inspection thoroughly recommended.

- 5 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen Diner
- Utility Room
- Cloakroom
- Generous Gardens
- Carport and Outbuildings

Offers invited £369,950



Mercator Lodge, Bewdley

A beautifully presented and individually designed family home with spacious and versatile accommodation. Internal inspection a must.

- Living Room with Balcony
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & Cloakroom
- 2 Bedrooms with En-Suite
- 3 Further Bedrooms
- Workshop/Home Office
- Garage & Landscaped Gardens

Offers invited £355,000



Honey Top Cottage, Bridgnorth Road, Kidderminster

This gem of a cottage stands in grounds of approximately 1/3 of an acre where there has been a dwelling since the 19th Century. Built to a high specification using reclaimed bricks from the old cottage making it a character home in this 21st Century.

- Sitting & Dining Rooms
- Conservatory & Study
- Kitchen & Utility
- Family/Media Room
- Master Bedroom En-Suite
- 3 Further Bedrooms
- 0.3 acre Garden
- Off Road Parking

Offers invited £329,950



Baldwin Road, Kidderminster

A beautifully presented, refurbished and extended three bedroom house, situated in this sought after residential location.

- Sitting Room
- Living/Dining Room with Study Area
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Contemporary Bathroom
- Enclosed Garden & Parking

Offers invited £189,950



Sebright Road, Wolverley

A very well presented and extended semi detached house conveniently situated in this popular residential location in Wolverley. There is NO ONWARD CHAIN and an internal inspection is thoroughly recommended.

- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Converted Roof Space
- Living & Dining Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Private Gardens
- No Onward Chain

Offers invited £159,950

The Cottage, Abbots Croft, Wolverley

The cottage is a fabulous detached character home well situated within this popular village location, having been extended previously and set within generous gardens of approximately 1/4 acre. Internal inspection thoroughly recommended.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen Diner
- Ground Floor WC
- Detached Garage
- Attractive Gardens

Offers invited £359,950



Rock Cottages, Caunsall

A delightfully and conveniently situated semi detached cottage in the much sought after village of Caunsall. The property is well maintained and tastefully improved to provide good accommodation together with a well planned outdoor leisure and garden area.

- 2 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Cloakroom/WC
- Cellar
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Offers invited £228,000

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WORDSLEY



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A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED and MOST IMPRESSIVE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a much sought after location and, in recent years, has been BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED and is TASTEFULLY DECORATED throughout, enhancing the VERY SPACIOUS layout, including: reception hall, splendid large lounge, dining room area, large extended family dining kitchen with integrated appliances, separate utility/laundry, ground floor w.c., separate study/dining room, FOUR EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom, separate w.c., GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. LARGE DRIVEWAY approach, TANDEM GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVE SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £279,950

WALL HEATH VILLAGE



A SUPERB DAVID PAYNE DETACHED FAMILY HOME well placed within a highly sought after cul de sac upon Millers Green offering BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and GENEROUS accommodation including: reception hall, splendid large lounge, large fitted kitchen with built in appliances and dining area, separate breakfast room with built in oven, utility, ground floor w.c., separate cloakroom/w.c., THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, en suite refitted bathroom with separate shower, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Front garden with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE (currently partitioned) and a BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £224,950

WALL HEATH VILLAGE



40 Dawley Road

A SUBSTANTIAL TRADITIONAL, BAY FRONDED SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME which has been EXTENDED enjoying an open rear aspect and overlooking the central green /trees to the fore, offering a BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED and IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS layout, including: entrance hall, through lounge, ground floor w.c., separate dining room, refitted kitchen with built in appliances, separate utility, ground floor w.c., THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Large rear garden with a GENEROUS DRIVEWAY GARAGE, VERY LARGE REAR-SIDE GARDENS and has FULL PLANNING PERMISSION to create FOUR BEDROOMED WITH EN SUITE and THREE RECEPTION ROOM layout. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £224,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

DUDLEY



Forest Road

Representing a rare opportunity, this most impressive, substantially extended, much improved, traditional style, uPVC double glazed (with exception of front door), gas centrally heated semi detached family home offers truly versatile living space & is situated in a favoured residential location. The property is well presented and we fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided & briefly comprises entrance hall, 26ft through lounge/dining room with bay, stunning refitted open plan kitchen/dining room with bay, utility, ground floor w.c., three bedrooms (featuring fabulous en suite bathroom with white corner suite to master), stylish refitted family bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway & a private, tree lined rear garden with log cabin. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950

WALL HEATH VILLAGE



42 Clayton Road

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME is superbly situated within this extremely sought after location, convenient for the area's highly regarded local schooling and offering a WELL APPOINTED and VERY WELL PRESENTED interior, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, inner hall, very spacious lounge, separate dining room, extended kitchen with integrated oven, three good size BEDROOMS refitted classic white Heritage bathroom. Set back beyond the front garden, together with LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £184,950

UPPER GORNAL



Kent Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A conscientiously maintained & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed, Three Bedroom Detached (with original garage utilised as a large laundry/storeroom with separate toilet off), having good distant views., and briefly comprising: hallway, cloak cupboard, transverse lounge, breakfast kitchen, integrated garage sub-divided into laundry & separate toilet. To the first floor are three bedrooms and an upgraded bathroom. Lengthy 'low maintenance' rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000

GORNAL WOOD



Oakland Drive

This well presented, modern style, double glazed (vast majority of units are uPVC), gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in a quiet cul de sac location & is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises transverse lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

WORDSLEY



5 Cooknell Drive

A SUPERB MODERN SEMI DETACHED HOUSE which is well placed within this much sought after modern development, having been SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED and BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED and PRECOCIOUSLY thought, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING comprising: entrance hall, large attractive lounge, separate dining/setting room/bedroom 3, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, separate utility/laundry, bathroom, three good bedrooms, en suite to master, TWO GOOD FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and a refitted bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with front garden and to the rear enjoying BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN with SUMMERHOUSE. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: Offers Around £148,950

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102 Metfield Croft

With a SUPERB OPEN FRONT OUTLOOK within sought after Crestwood Park, this DELIGHTFUL MODERN SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME is BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED throughout comprising: reception hall, large lounge, full width dining kitchen, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set beyond an attractive front garden and to the rear providing DRIVEWAY and a sunny rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £132,500

PENNETT



High Street

This much improved traditional styled property has 3 bedroom, gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed accommodation and simply must be viewed. Standing in an elevated position the accommodation comprises: inner hall, lounge, dining room, transverse modern fitted kitchen, rear hall, guest w.c., 3 first floor bedrooms, modern shower room, long garden to rear with workshop and separate access, burglar alarm, upvc gutter and fascia, BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £129,995

PENNETT



Woodfield Avenue

Commanding a position in this established residential location is this traditionally styled Gas centrally Heated and Double Glazed three Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence sold with No Upward Chain, and Comprising: Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, Gardens to front and rear garage. Realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £108,995

COSELEY



Brunel Court

A well presented, modern, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in a quiet cul de sac and has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, buest w.c., lounge dining room, kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, double garage, driveway & lawned gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £106,000

COSELEY



Hurst Road

SUITABLE FOR CASH BUYERS ONLY. This deceptively spacious, significantly extended, upVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated semi detached is well presented throughout and is situated in an established residential area. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, through lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, four bedrooms (principal bedroom with en suite), family bathroom, garage, driveway & low maintenance garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £100,000

BRIERLEY HILL



Moor Street

Formerly the show flat on this much admired development close to all major facilities, and being presented and equipped to the highest standard throughout, is this Two bedroomed Ground Floor apartment which simply must be viewed. Comprising intercom entrance, Hall, two bedrooms and Bathroom, Kitchen, Large Lounge, allocated parking, ideal first time buy or investment. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £98,950

WOODSETTON



Roper Way, 'The Poplars'

An EXTENDED, fresh/d, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached in favoured district that has been significantly upgraded in recent years. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, spacious lounge, separate dining room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, neat gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,000

LOWER GORNAL



Ruton Street

Presented in exemplary order throughout, a modern, fresh/d, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in short quiet cul de sac development. Outstanding accommodation includes reception hall, boiler cupboard & cloaks cupboard, two bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & many integrated appliances, elegant lounge & brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, parking, neat secluded 'low maintenance' rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

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Offers in the region of £167,450

COSELEY



Cherrywood Close

A tremendously enhanced & exceptionally well presented, freehold, gas centrally heated & upVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached excellently situated within walking distance of railway station, together with all the amenities in Ropewalk and comprising porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, separate utility, four bedrooms (two with wardrobes), bathroom, double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen with various integrated appliances, store. Three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite. Brick GARAGE and additional parking space, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £158,000

COSELEY



Denise Drive

An attractive, comparatively spacious (extended), freehold, gas centrally heated & upVC double glazed semi detached envinably situated in favoured cul de sac where homes are rarely available for sale. The conscientiously maintained accommodation (with further potential) provides entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with bay, enlarged kitchen, vestibule & former dedicated shower/wet room (10'1" x 5'1"). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000

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SELDLEY

NEW PRICE
Brownswall Road
NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, EXTENDED, upvc double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in a much favoured residential location. The surprisingly spacious property would ideally benefit from some cosmetic enhancement, and comprises; entrance porch, large extended living room, dining room, kitchen, separate shower room with separate WC. Larger than average garage, driveway and a lawned rear garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £154,950

PENSNETT

£10,000 REDUCTION
11 Woodfield Avenue
Very well placed within this popular 'cul de sac' within this sought after location, this SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, 3-BEDROOMED, SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME, offers a superb layout of accommodation, including; GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising; reception hall, spacious lounge, FANTASTIC LUXURY APPOINTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN with integrated appliances, utility room, BEDROOM 4 / 2ND RECEPTION ROOM, wet room, THREE GOOD SIZED FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and 'classic white' bathroom. Set back beyond a small low maintenance front garden, together with a GOOD SIZED 'BLOCK PAVED' DRIVEWAY and enjoying a GOOD SIZED & VERY PLEASANT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
Price: £149,950

LOWER GORNAL

Browning Road, Straits
An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached enviable, situated within walking distance of so many amenities & comprising enlarged entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended '18'5" kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, substantial garage, garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £146,950

WOODSETTON

Woodsetton Close
A conscientiously maintained, recently modernised & improved, gas centrally heated & primarily upvc double glazed semi detached in quiet cul de sac with secluded well tended rear garden. Accommodation includes enlarged entrance porch, inner hallway, stylish living room, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of units (upvc doors out to garden), three bedrooms, bathroom, substantial garage, ample parking. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £145,950

COSELEY

NEW PRICE
Hall Lane, Hurst Hill
NO UPWARD CHAIN. A REALISTICALLY PRICED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached with potential comprising hallway, fitted cloakroom, lounge, understairs store, dining room, patio doors, kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, garden, GARAGE at rear with carport section. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £139,950

DUDLEY

Bordeaux Close, Milking Bank
An attractive, tremendously enhanced & meticulously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac. Outstanding accommodation includes entrance hallway, transverse refitted kitchen with integrated units, dining room, understairs store, two bedrooms (fitted units/wardrobe to one bedroom), reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, separate toilet, integral garage, side & extensive parking to front, landscaped secluded rear garden & good distant views. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £134,950

UPPER GORNAL

Alderwood Rise
A significantly ENHANCED, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached excellent situated at head of relatively quiet cul de sac in a convenient district. The well presented accommodation includes entrance hallway, transverse refitted kitchen with integrated units, dining room, understairs store, two bedrooms (fitted units/wardrobe to one bedroom), reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, separate toilet, integral garage, side & extensive parking to front, landscaped secluded rear garden & good distant views. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £119,950

COSELEY

NEW PRICE
Arclac Street
A conveniently situated Freehold, gas centrally heated & either secondary or sealed unit double glazed semi detached within walking distance of Sedley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities/schools etc. The accommodation includes; glazed entrance porch, transverse refitted kitchen with upgraded units, brick UPVC double glazed, CONSEPTEK, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, carport, extensive gardens to side & rear. VENDORS ADVISE NO UPWARD CHAIN. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £118,000

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill
VENDOR ADVISED NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed traditional end terrace of character that has been conscientiously maintained & sympathetically updated onto a modern finish at rear with good views. Accommodation comprises; dining room, with OPEN FIREPLACE, store, lounge with 'living flame' feature fireplace, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beach' effect units, lobby, recently reappointed shower room, separate toilet, three bedrooms, bathroom & potential garage space (not verified subject to regulations). SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £117,000

COSELEY

Nally Drive, Woodcross
This well presented, upvc double glazed gas centrally heated, cavity wall insulated, three bed roomed semi detached house is situated in a popular residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection and briefly comprises; entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, downstairs w.c. Three good sized bedrooms, refitted shower room with white suite. Pleasant rear garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £115,000

COSELEY

Andersleigh Drive
An exceptionally well presented & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), upvc double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in favoured cul de sac with panoramic distant views from the rear. The meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance hallway, elegant lounge, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'broad oak' effect units, integrated appliances & double french doors out to garden. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white contemporary look suite, parking to front, lengthy rear garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £115,000

PENSNETT

NEW PRICE
BROAD STREET
This appealing three bedroomed modern detached property offers gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed throughout, with two double bedrooms on the two floors, and is seen to comprise; Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to rear, garage, realistically priced SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.
Offers around £113,995

COSELEY

NEW PRICE
Fullwoods End
A conscientiously maintained, upvc double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded/convenient neighbourhood with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Comparatively spacious, accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom. Out door, store, separate toilet, integral garage. Block paved foregarden & lawned rear garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Price: £109,950
Offers in the region of £109,950

COSELEY

Horace Street, Hurst Hill
NO UPWARD CHAIN. An EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily upvc double glazed detached set in a established, convenient district with good distant views from the rear. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, extended kitchen with a fine range of units, living room, three double bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, integral garage. Block paved foregarden & lawned rear garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £109,950

SELDLEY

Hickmerlands Lane
Pleasantly situated in a quiet cul de sac, this traditional, double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated end townhouse may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility/study, two good bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & a lovely rear garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £109,950

LOWER GORNAL

Bank Road
A delightful, most attractive & conveniently situated traditional, gas centrally heated & mostly upvc double glazed terraced 'starter home' within walking distance of the village & all amenities. Significantly enhanced accommodation includes single storey front porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility/study, two double bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & a lovely rear garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £108,500

NETHERTON

NEW PRICE
WEAVERS RISE
Ideally suited to first time buyers, this modern style, upvc double glazed and gas centrally heated, two bedroomed mid terraced house is beautifully presented throughout, and viewing is essential to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property which is in excellent general condition, is updated by the current owners, briefly comprises; stylish lounge, updated kitchen with a fine range of units, two double bedrooms, re-fitted shower room with white suite, parking to rear, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers around £104,950

SELDLEY

Round Hill
An ENLARGED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & primarily upvc double glazed semi detached excellently situated in a relatively quiet residential area with good views. The property is conscientiously maintained accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, transverse dining kitchen (with double doors out to garden) & a fine range of units, pantry, outer lobby, store, workshop & a separate toilet. Two double bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom, parking & delightful enclosed rear garden. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £104,950

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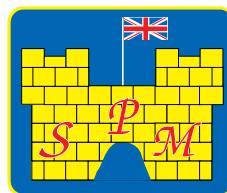
9 Maple Grove
Delightfully situated within a small residential cul-de-sac, this MOST IMPRESSIVE and EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED MODERN three bedroomed semi detached house has been completely modernised and REDECORATED throughout including UNDERFLOOR HEATING (where specified), DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising; entrance hall, large attractive lounge, luxury refitted kitchen with built in appliances, large double bedroom and LUXURY REFITTED SHOWER ROOM. DRIVE/PARKING and a private enclosed rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
Price: £99,950

LOWER GORNAL

Central Drive
A modernised, conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed end 'starter home' with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear in an established/convenient district. Accommodation provides reception hall, 21ft through living/dining room, upgraded kitchen, two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite & there are gardens. SEDLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £79,950

SELDLEY, Northway

Notice of Offer
We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £132,000. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify Taylors Estate Agents, 2a, Dudley Street, Seldley on 01902 880888 of their best offer prior to an exchange of contracts.



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£525 pcm
Apartment, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Two Bedrooms, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Designated Parking, Unfurnished.

TIVIDALE NEW

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£495 pcm
Semi-detached property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden, No DSS.

WOODSETTON NEW

SELDLEY ROAD
£550 pcm
Terraced Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden, Available Immediately

TIPTON NEW

MANOR ROAD
£550 pcm
End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Available Immediately

AMBLECOTE NEW

DENNIS STREET
£650 pcm
Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Garage

DUDLEY NEW

IVANHOE STREET
£395 pcm
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Unfurnished

PEDMORE NEW

LANSOWNE CRT, HAGLEY ROAD
£650 pcm
Ground Floor Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Communal Gardens, Off Road Parking

KINGSWINFOR NEW

BARTIC AVENUE
FOR SALE £20000
Purpose built SEMI DETACHED 3 Bed Room Flat
Allocated parking off road parking consists of
Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Lounge: 13' x 9'4", Kitchen: 7'1" x 6'9",
Bedroom: 13'2" x 9'1"
NO UPWARD CHAIN
PURCHASE PRICE IS FOR A 25% SHARE

DUDLEY NEW

BOURNE STREET
£360 pcm
First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Double Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished. No Pets.

WOLLASTON NEW

RICHARDSON DRIVE
£360 pcm
Purpose Built Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Double Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished. Allocated Parking.

WORDSLEY NEW

HOLLYHURST DRIVE
£575 pcm
Mid Terrace Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating

PENNETT



TANSEY GREEN ROAD
£575 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

WORDSLEY



INGATESTONE DRIVE
£540 pcm
Purpose Built Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Garage, Unfurnished

BROCKMOOR



HIGH STREET
£495 pcm
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Rear

GREAT BRIDGE



EAGLE PLACE
£370 pcm
Apartment, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Economy Seven Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Private Parking, Security Entrance Door

PENNETT



HIGH STREET
£535 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Furnished, Off Road Parking, Garage.

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THE PORTWAY
£375 pcm
First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Partial Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished

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THE PORTWAY
£650 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Partial Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Allocated Parking.

TIPTON



AVERN CLOSE
£360 pcm
Purpose built flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Allocated Parking

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THE PORTWAY
£650 pcm
Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Conservatory, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Double Garage, Parking.

LOWER GORNAL



HILLSIDE
£525 pcm
Semi-Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens.

AMBLESCOTE



PARK STREET
£100 per week
Builders Yard or Similar, Enclosed Secure Gate, Approx 3000 sq ft

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HIGH STREET
£120 per week
Shop premises in High Street location, WC & Kitchen Facilities, Parking at rear

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Jonathan Foyle is the public face of The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings

Conservation of buildings

Filming BBC2's hit Climbing Great Buildings TV series gave presenter Jonathan Foyle a bird's eye view of some of the UK's most iconic and spectacular structures – including the state of their roofs and gutters! So it's no surprise that he's a passionate and informed advocate of the importance of regular maintenance.

SPAB's National Maintenance Week (18-25 Nov) aims to provide homeowners throughout the UK with practical tips and advice on how to prepare their building to face the worst that winter can bring. This winter's snow, for example, presented some tricky maintenance challenges in the form of cracked, frozen and burst pipes.

Simple

National Maintenance Week encourages homeowners (and people who care for public buildings such as churches, village halls and local authority properties) to be aware of the simple, economic and achievable maintenance steps they can take at the beginning of winter to stave off costly major faults and damage at a later date. SPAB is Britain's oldest conservation body fighting to save old buildings from decay and dereliction, but the message of National Maintenance Week is relevant to everyone who owns or cares for a property of any sort – whether it's 500-years-old or brand new.

There are practical benefits too, as Jonathan Foyle explains: "For thousands of people, regular maintenance has proved much cheaper than having to remove and replace mass-produced and unfixable features that were supposed to last forever but merely lowered a property's value after making it ugly for twenty disappointing years. Now in its tenth successful year,

- Take action early
- Watch out for decay
- Keep it original

"And beyond that, in my experience – providing you're properly roped up – clambering on the roof can also offer you a bracing wintry work-out. Everyone's happy!"

SPAB is also showing that good maintenance makes a positive contribution to sustainable living. There's more to sustainability than saving energy. It's about making practical, common sense decisions about our immediate environment – the places where we live, work and meet.

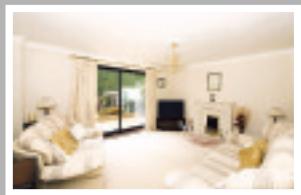
"One of the key questions SPAB will urge people to ask this year when dealing with maintenance is: 'What can I repair, not replace?'" says Jonathan Foyle. It's a maxim that echoes the words of William Morris on the foundation of SPAB back in 1877: "Put protection in place of restoration. Stave off decay by daily care."

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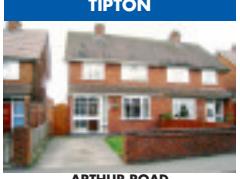
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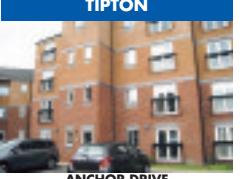
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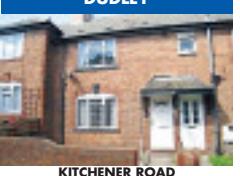
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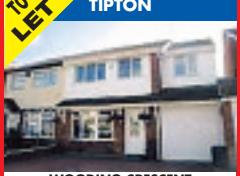
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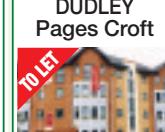




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<p>Lower Gornal BARR STREET</p> <p> </p> <p>NEW INSTRUCTION</p> <p>A two bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs bathroom and garden to the rear</p> <p>£95,000</p>	<p>Tipton LEVESON DRIVE</p> <p> </p> <p>An immaculate modern two bedroom end terraced house with views of the canal to the rear with hallway, lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, driveway and garden to the rear</p> <p>£99,950</p>	<p>HALESOWEN Banners Lane</p> <p></p> <p>This immaculate three bedroom three storey mid town house located on the popular Halesowen Road, estate. The house has allocated parking downstairs wc, bathroom on first floor, master bedroom on second floor with en-suite and dressing area and a garden to the rear</p> <p>£139,950</p>	<p>CRADLEY HEATH Best Street</p> <p></p> <p>A two bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, kitchen with dining area, garden to the rear and off road parking to the front</p> <p>£84,950</p>							
<p>Sedgley ARCAL STREET</p> <p> </p> <p>A much improved traditional two bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom and a good size enclosed garden to the rear</p> <p>£104,950</p>	<p>SELDGELEY Monument Lane</p> <p></p> <p>An extended four bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, fitted kitchen, garden to front and rear</p> <p>£114,950</p>	<p>DUDLEY Tansey Green Road</p> <p></p> <p>A two bedroom well presented semi detached house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, garden to rear and garage</p> <p>£99,950</p>	<p>TIVIDALE California Road</p> <p></p> <p>A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, kitchen, garage, gardens to front and rear and driveway</p> <p>£94,950</p>	<p>NETHERTON Baptist End Road</p> <p></p> <p>Four bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, garage, rear garden, views to the front and side and potential for an extension/double garage subject to planning.</p> <p>£199,950</p>	<p>TIPTON Tibbington Terrace</p> <p></p> <p>A traditional detached house in excellent order throughout with garage, two reception rooms, dining kitchen, downstairs wc and a garden to the rear. ★★★INCENTIVES AVAILABLE★★★</p> <p>£115,000</p>	<p>TIPTON Lissimore Drive</p> <p></p> <p>A four bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted dining kitchen, utility room, ensuite to master bedroom and garden to the rear.</p> <p>£189,950</p>	<p>DUDLEY Jews Lane</p> <p></p> <p>An extended three bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, kitchen with further open plan dining area, utility, tandem garage, large driveway and garden to the rear</p> <p>£144,950</p>	<p>DUDLEY Eve Lane</p> <p></p> <p>A rare opportunity to purchase either a plot of land with planning permission for a two/three bedroom bungalow or the house itself is willing to build the bungalow for you. For further details please call the office. Prices from £65,000 to £165,000.</p> <p>£65,000</p>	<p>DUDLEY Claughton Road</p> <p></p> <p>Three bedroom end terraced house in need of modernisation throughout and is only available to cash buyers.</p> <p>£60,000</p>	<p>OLDBURY Vicarage Street</p> <p></p> <p>A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen and gardens to front and rear</p> <p>£94950</p>
<p>CRADLEY HEATH Archer Gardens</p> <p>TO LET</p> <p></p> <p>A nicely presented two bedroom ground floor flat, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower. Central heating and double glazing. Allocated parking. No DSS</p> <p>£495 PCM</p>	<p>DUDLEY High Street</p> <p>TO LET</p> <p></p> <p>A two bedroom first floor apartment on the High Street in Dudley town centre. Lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, available now. DSS accepted with guarantor</p> <p>£395 PCM</p>	<p>DUDLEY Occupation Street</p> <p>TO LET</p> <p></p> <p>A nicely presented two bedroom mid terrace house. Two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, good size bathroom with shower, central heating and double glazing. Rear garden, available now. No DSS, No Pets</p> <p>£495 PCM</p>	<p>DUDLEY Sledmore Road</p> <p>TO LET</p> <p></p> <p>A three bedroom semi detached property. Having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, bathroom. Driveway and garage. No pets, DSS considered with good references and guarantor.</p> <p>£550 PCM</p>	<p>DUDLEY Austin House, Cradley Road</p> <p></p> <p>A one bedroom top floor flat, open plan kitchen/diner/lounge, bedroom and shower room. Available now for viewings. No DSS, No pets.</p> <p>£325 PCM</p>	<p>DUDLEY Priory Street</p> <p>TO LET</p> <p></p> <p>A modern one bedroom first floor apartment in Dudley town centre. Open plan lounge/fitted kitchen, good size bedroom, shower/wc. Available now</p> <p>£400 PCM</p>	<p>TIVIDALE Oakthorpe Gardens</p> <p>TO LET</p> <p></p> <p>A two bedroom first floor flat in a cul de sac location. Double glazing and electric heating. Lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms. Available now for long term let.</p> <p>£475 PCM</p>				
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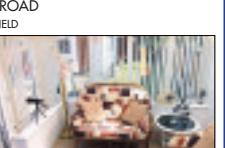
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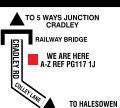
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HOCKEY

Stunning scores make perfect preparations for the season

OLD HALESIANS HOCKEY CLUB

Saturday September 24

Old Halesians 1st 11 West Bromwich 1

Old Halesians Hockey 1st XI strolled to an 11-1 win against West Bromwich HC. With the game being the last friendly before the season starts, with the side travelling to Aldridge & Walsall next week, it was important that the performance was one of confidence, precision and belief.

This was certainly the feeling before the game, as a well-drilled Hales side prepared for the challenge.

Hales took a controlling start, yet at the half time period the home side had only managed a 2-1 lead.

GORNAL

Gornal bring giants Studley down to size

FA VASE

Studley O Gornal 2 (ET)

Gornal pulled off their second giant killing act of the season by felling Midlands Alliance outfit Studley after extra time.

Although Studley are a league above Gornal, the visitors dominated the game throughout and manager Ian Rowe will be disappointed they were unable to complete the job in normal time.

The early stages were a cagey affair but it was the home side that nearly snatched the lead on 15 minutes when Paul Dowsett skinned Robin Keates on the right wing and crossed for Joe Adams whose header was niftily saved by James Pemberton.

Almost immediately it was Studley keeper Steven Gregan who was called into action, producing the first of a series of great saves from a stinging long-distance Calum Martin shot.

On 27 minutes Kristian Green set Martin free down the wing and his cross narrowly evaded Mike Perks in the box. Perks was in action again four minutes later, crossing for Lee Wherton whose shot was blocked by Ryan Parisi and the follow-up from Richard Young saved by Gregan.

Volley

And a minute later Dave Meese's volley from the edge of the area was tipped over well by Gregan.

Studley almost caught Gornal napping early in the second half when Keates struggled to handle a long ball and Dowsett was able to wriggle free and drill into a volley which flew just wide.

Richard Young was in the thick of the goal threat as he pushed forward from the right-back position, teeing up a volley from a Wherton corner on 55 minutes which was just over and then 10 minutes later firing just over.

Lee Wherton almost broke the deadlock on 76 minutes when his shot was superbly saved by Gregan and Martin was unable to connect properly with the rebound with the goal gaping.

As the clock ticked towards normal time Wherton and Meese both tested Gregan and with two minutes to go Gregan once again came to the rescue of Studley with a save from Matt Weyman.

Snatching

In the final stages Studley showed hope of snatching an unlikely victory when Thomas Lacey flashed a couple of shots over the bar on the break.

In extra time Gornal stepped up the pressure with Waterhouse hitting the bar from a corner in the third minute of extra time and 10 minutes later Kristian Green wasted an excellent chance from a Connor Gater cross.

Studley almost made Gornal pay for their profligate approach when substitute Scott Turner should have done better when hesitant Gornal defending gave him a free header in the box.

Four minutes into the second period of added time it was Lei Brown who almost broke the deadlock for the home side when he forced a good save from Pemberton.

Gornal finally made the breakthrough on 112 minutes when substitute Danny Ashton created a chance for Weyman whose shot across goal managed to finally beat Gregan to grab his first goal for Gornal.

And two minutes later the game was put beyond any doubt when substitute Marvin Nisbett weaved and jinked into the box and crossed for the other substitute Matt Martin to make no mistake to pounce home.

Gornal now travel to face Continental Star in the first round proper of the FA Vase on Saturday October 22.

Scoreless draw for the Lions

STOURBRIDGE LEAGUE

Girls U13s cup match

Withymoor 0 Sedgley White Lions 0

Both teams played some good football, despite the 0-0 score line both sets of defenders on top of their game, and the goalkeepers putting in a great deal of the match performances.

Trysull Tigers East 2 Sedgley White Lions 2 U13s

Trysull took the lead on 15 mins but to Sedgley's credit they drew level on 25mins when Brad Omerod fired home from 20 yards.

Sedgley upped their game taking the lead on 30 mins when Omerod headed the ball back to Kevin Kimberley who found the back of the net to make it 1-2 at half time.

However, Trysull never gave up and drew level with 10 mins to go making it 2-2.

Sedgley is still looking to sign players anyone who is interested should ring Steve on 01384-620598.

In the second half however, Hales' fitness levels showed as the visitors wilted. Old Halesians managed a goal every four minutes as they smashed nine past the West Bromwich defence.

Hales made it look easy in the second half as they were much more clinical in the D; creating space, winning shorts and scoring goals. The 11 goals included a Paul Woodall hat trick, two from Harry Hughes, Josh Randhawa and Graham Knight, with Tom Bulteel and captain Doug Houghton both grabbing a single goal each.

The Old Hales 1st XI will be hoping all their preparation work will pay off when they start the season next weekend.

HALESOWEN TOWN

Magpies steal the win with late goal

STUNNED Halesowen inexplicably threw away a four-goal lead at Wimborne to lose an incredible game 5-4 in stoppage time.

The two sides were playing each other for the first time but after this experience Halesowen will certainly hope it's the last.

To cap it all, the hosts had not scored during more than seven hours of football in a four-game losing streak, but they made amends in spectacular style to score five in 26 crazy minutes at the end of the game.

Wimborne welcomed back legendary 44-year-old fireman Steve 'Taffy' Richardson – a member of their 1992 FA Vase winning team – and his enthusiasm certainly extinguished Halesowen's early fire.

The visitors had made a perfect start by racing into a two-goal lead in the opening stages.

Two minutes in Michael McGrath caught the

Old Halesians 2nds 8 West Bromwich 0

Hales completed their pre-season preparations with an 8-0 win at West Bromwich. Old Hales made a slow start and wasted many chances, only going in one up at the break through a smart finish by Marc Herickx.

Following a positive but constructive half-time team talk, Hales came out in the second half and were much more clinical in front of goal, with Adam Hill grabbing four for himself and Herickx, Nick Truelove and Tom Underhill also adding to the score.

It could have been more had it not been for some fine shot stopping from with West Brom GK. The 2nd XI host Aldridge & Walsall at Great Park, Rubery next weekend.

Old Halesian 3rds 6 West Bromwich 1

Old Halesians 3rd XI continued the domination over West Brom with a 6-1 victory over the visiting side.

Hales controlled from start to finish, which left Ade Lockyer pretty much redundant in goal, but he did produce on stunning save from a short corner late on.

The Hales midfield ran the show, and ran riot on the wings. This gave the forwards the simple task of scoring as goals as you can in the game. Dan Milliepath and Nathan Kelly both grabbed two each, with Nic Penn and James Bailey each grabbing one. There was a worrying moment when captain Neil Painter received a stick to the face after a challenge

from the opposition, but apart from that the team came through unharmed. The 3rd XI travel to Streetly next week as they get their season underway.

Old Halesians 5th Old Wulfs 1

Old Halesians 5th XI beat Old Wulfs 1-1 in their final pre-season friendly. A near perfect display from everyone on the pitch, with a stand out performance from the up and coming junior player Dan Scarrett.

Old Halesians Ladies side lost a closely fought league fixture 2-1 versus Kings Heath, despite a goal from Suzanne Collins. Old Hales Badgers side also suffered defeat at the hands of West Bromwich, to whom they lost 5-1.

Dudley double is not enough

Dudley ladies started off really well, kept possession and caused Lichfield some problems.

Lichfield overloaded the midfield and made it increasingly difficult for Dudley to get through, but Dudley's attack tested Lichfield's defence on a number of occasions driving the ball down the left-hand side.

In the midfield, Julie Giese and Lichfield's Sylvia Thomas both managed to stop each other playing.

Gemma Downing

and Sarah Baker kept possession well down the right getting the ball into the D, forcing saves from their keeper.

Rosie scored a fantastic, individual goal beating a number of players before striking a spectacular ball into their net. Sarah Baker got Dudley's second from a cross sent in from Charlotte Dowling. The final score of 2-2 left Dudley very disappointed.

DUDLEY LADIES HOCKEY CLUB 2ND TEAM

Dudley Ladies 2nds 0 Barton 2nds 0

Dudley ladies started strong, winning possession and attacking straight from the whistle. Although Dudley showed strength and determination, Dudley's attack was always met by a strong Barton defense who, on the counter attack, had a few chances to test goalkeeper Danni Keivins. Just before half time Dudley had a short corner which resulted in a goal being disallowed.

The second half continued in the same manner with both teams battling it out in midfield to leave the result at 0-0.

LADIES

Hasbury's off days

STOURBRIDGE AND DISTRICT DIVISION 1

Hasbury Rangers Girls 0 Droytwich Spa Girls 3

The game started off slow for both teams having large amounts of possession, but it was Droytwich who took the game to Hasbury.

For the first goal, Hasbury lost possession in midfield for Droytwich to counter with a good strike pasted Shannon at the post. In the second half, Hasbury again lost possession going forward which allowed Droytwich to score again. And with time running out, Droytwich scored again.

BOYS

UNDER 13 DIVISION 1 Wednesfield Town 6

Hasbury Rangers 0

Hasbury Rangers held their own for the first 20 mins or so and kept the scores level, but it was Wednesfield who took the lead, when a corner was won't dealt with, and took a second with another corner a few minutes later. In the second half, Hasbury's players failed to turn in a performance and Wednesfield took full advantage adding a further four goals.



Ryan Rowe about to score Stourbridge's first goal.



Josh Craddock in the thick of the action against St Albans

For the second home game in a row, Gary Hackett's men fought back from a goal down to score twice and take the spoils.

Two goals from Ryan Rowe to take his tally to seven this season enabled Stourbridge to claim the victory that keeps them third in the table.

In an open first 20 minutes or so, there was plenty of action at both ends of the pitch. In the opening minute of the contest Stourbridge won a free-kick on the left and Drew Canavan tried to catch Saints keeper Nick Jupp off-guard by trying a pot-shot at goal rather than sending the ball into the middle.

Creeping

His attempt wasn't too far away from creeping inside the near post and had Jupp scrambling across.

The visitors responded and on five minutes Ryan Watts went desperately close with a low free-kick that curled inches past Lewis Solly's right-hand upright.

Two minutes later though Stourbridge might have grabbed the lead when Ryan Rose dug out a cross from close to the right corner flag but Sam Rock directed his close range header off-target.

Stourbridge upped their game taking the lead on 30 mins when Omerod headed the ball back to Kevin Kimberley who found the back of the net to make it 1-2 at half time.

However, Trysull never gave up and drew level with 10 mins to go making it 2-2.

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EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTHERN PREMIER DIVISION

Stourbridge 2 St Albans City 1

Instead in the 10th minute the home side found themselves trailing as Barrie Matthews delivered in an outswinging corner from the right and Rob Haworth lost his marker as he ghosted into the near post area to send a header beyond Solly to put the Saints in front.

Five minutes later Jupp came to the visitors' rescue as Canavan sent over a flag-kick from the right and Paul McCone headed the ball down for Leon Broadhurst to strike a shot that drew an excellent reaction save from the keeper.

The visitors returned onto the attack at the 23rd minute with a corner from Matthews cleared out this time to David Jijah who drilled a 20-yard shot wide of Solly's left-hand post.

St Albans again went close in the 42nd minute when from another right-wing corner from Matthews, the ball dropped to Tobi Jinadu but he thumped his shot high and wide.

In first-half stoppage time, the Glassboys were twice denied an equaliser. A corner from James Dyson saw the ball fall to Broadhurst inside the six-yard box who was thwarted by Jupp and as the ball rolled loose, Rowe lashed it into the far corner of the net.

Stourbridge might have won by a wider margin with Rowe setting up an opportunity for Drake on 77 minutes, but his shot was deflected for a corner.

to score, however Jinadu produced a great block on the line.

The first 15 minutes of the second period saw Stourbridge make little headway, but just as the visitors were beginning to look comfortable, a double substitution and a change of formation brought almost immediate reward for the hosts.

Sam Rock suddenly became more influential and he played his part in both goals as Stourbridge struck twice in eight minutes.

Stabbed

In the 61st minute Rock carried the ball forward before feeding Broadhurst on the left whose cross beat Jupp and Rowe stabbed the ball into the net at the second attempt.

A rejuvenated Stourbridge struck again on 68 minutes with Rock producing another fine run into the left-hand side of the St Albans box before being stopped, but a poor clearance from Ryan Moran went straight to sub Aaron Drake, who in turn played in Rowe who a low angled shot past Jupp into the far corner of the net.

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ROBINS' FA VASE RUN IS SHATTERED

FA CARLSBERG VASE 2ND QUALIFYING ROUND

Westfields 3 Dudley Town 1
Dudley Town's threadbare side continued to suffer their miserable run of form of not being able to turn possession and chances into goals and results as Midland Alliance table toppers inch themselves past The Robins in a tight and enteraining FA Vase tie.

Manager Andy Burgess had his hands tied with team selection with several players injured, suspended or fulfilling work commitments.

These included top goalscorer and midfield lynchpin Ben Streton who was suffering from an ankle injury along with George Reeves, Dreniz Bala and left back Chris Whittaker.

This meant starts for the returning duo of Richard Langford and Rob Whitley whilst Ian Watkins made his first start since the opening day of the season. Burgess also handed Kevin Hadlington, whose two goals had come so close to earning a point at Black Country Rangers the weekend prior his first start in a Robins jersey.

The visitors were quickly under pressure against the in-form hosts with former Gloucester City forward Darryl Addis causing headaches in the Town penalty area.

Indeed Luke Cunningham had to be at his best to prevent Addis by turning a fierce shot round the post in the early exchanges.

The hosts however, who are sitting pretty at the top of the Alliance table, took a deserved lead on 10 minutes when defender Phil Glover powered the ball past Cunningham.

It was situations like this last season that would have seen Dudley lay down and suffer heavy defeats yet the visitors resolve shone through and were unlucky not to be level on 25 minutes.

Whistled

Todd Warner coming close after placing a cross from former Evesham United midfielder Danny Ludlow just over the crossbar.

As the half drew on both sides had good chances with Richard Kear coming close for Westfields with a fine shot that whistled over the cross bar whilst Ben Store was unlucky not to latch himself on to a Todd Warner pass after some last ditch defending from Glover took the ball away and quelled any danger of a deserved equaliser for Dudley.

But just as Andy Burgess' side had felt they had seen it half-time just one goal down disaster struck. Picking up the ball on the edge of the area Scott Jackson needed his way through the Dudley backline to leave Cunningham stranded and doubled his side's lead.

Burgess introduced young striker Rion Francis-Mills in the early stages of the second half and the switch to fruition on 56 minutes.

A neat layoff from Francis-Mills to Ludlow led to a cross that was bravely headed home by Todd Warner despite close attention from Westfield's keeper Jamie Moore.

Dudley then moved into top gear as they had their high flying Alliance opponents on the ropes, but as has proved so many times this season they were unable to turn chances into goals.

Ben Store having two good chances one shooting wide and then failing to hit the target after Moore had flapped at a shot from Francis-Mills.

Dudley kept their pressure up but were eventually caught out in controversial circumstances on eighty-four minutes.

A run from Carl Morgan had appeared to have put the ball out of play but the midfielder delivered a delicious cross that was then tucked home by Craig Jones.

Both sides failed to really threaten from then on and the impressive Westfields set up earned themselves a third qualifying round tie with last seasons West Midlands Premier champions Tividale.

Chance takes DK to third league victory



DK replacement back rower Tom Bissell drives through the Hereford forwards

Dudley Kingswinford 33 Hereford 15

A SPECTACULAR try from Duncan Chance helped Dudley Kingswinford overcome a stubborn Hereford side to register a third straight league victory.

Stefan Shillingford returned to the fold in what was the first change to DK's line up all season, replacing Tom Weaver.

But it was the visitors who made all the early running, pinning DK inside their own half for the first 12 minutes of the game.

Ironically, Hereford took the lead from DK's first attack, with right winger Charlie Loughman intercepting a pass and sprinting fully 75 metres to the posts for a fine converted try.

DK responded immediately when good foraging from Greg Lewis saw him rescue a loose ball and a fine break

ford line from the onset of the second half but they had lost a little of their first half fluency and a couple more opportunities were squandered.

A strong rolling maul soon did the trick with man of the match Tu Asi Pito being driven over to earn DK a bonus point for their fourth try of the game, again added to by prolific kicker Higgins.

Now in full flow DK scored again on 23 minutes and it was a stunning individual effort from Chance, who rampaged past four Hereford players on a dazzling, jinking run before touching down at the post with an early contender for try of the season.

Higgins converted for 21-7 but Hereford pulled three points back before half time via a Richard Rees penalty.

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ford line from the onset of the second half but they had lost a little of their first half fluency and a couple more opportunities were squandered.

A strong rolling maul soon did the trick with man of the match Tu Asi Pito being driven over to earn DK a bonus point for their fourth try of the game, again added to by prolific kicker Higgins.

Now in full flow DK scored again on 23 minutes and it was a stunning individual effort from Chance, who rampaged past four Hereford players on a dazzling, jinking run before touching down at the post with an early contender for try of the season.

Higgins converted for 21-7 but Hereford pulled three points back before half time via a Richard Rees penalty.

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Tividale hit a high-five to ease through to next round

Wellington 0 Tividale 5

TIVIDALE eased into the next round of the FA Vase with a comfortable win over Wellington. The visitors, who included 40-year-old goalkeeping coach Chris Walwyn in between the posts due to injuries, started brightly and forced three consecutive corners.

Defender Joel Kettle then forced his way into the penalty area only to be brought down by Nick Williams but Tividale's penalty appeals were waved aside.

The pressure continued with Brett Clark hitting a dipping volley just wide after a good run by Robert Sargent.

20 minutes, Chris Russell forced a good save from Wellington keeper Dan Tecza before the home team had their first shot on goal when the impressive Saul Thomas fired at Walwyn.

Tividale took the lead on 28 minutes when the hard-working Clark coolly slotted the ball past Tecza from 12 yards. Having gone one up, the visitors began to pile the pressure on a Wellington defence that was beginning to be crack. On 30 minutes, a great run by Ryan Sargent almost led to another goal but his low shot was saved by Tecza.

Swiftly

This effort was swiftly followed by another fine save from Russell while a Simpkins free-kick from 25 yards just cleared the bar.

Tividale were having the vast majority of the play but had two scares within a few minutes shortly before half-time. Firstly, Lewis thudded a header against the crossbar and then Simon Pitt forced Walwyn into a smart save.

The half ended as it had begun with Tividale going close with a couple of fine efforts from Wattley and Adam Hill.

The second half opened with both defences on top for the first 15 minutes before Tividale doubled their lead when Adam Hill shot home from after being set up by Wattley and Russell.

Kyle Hill replaced Kettle on 60 minutes and almost scored after beating Tecza to the ball only to see his effort scrambled away.

The play was by now almost exclusively in the home side's half and Jason Chilton shot just over and then forced another good save from Tecza.

The win for Tividale was effectively sealed in the 75th minute when Russell forced his way into the Wellington box to combine with Kyle Hill, whose pass picked out Clark for an easy tap in.

Two minutes later, it was Hill's turn to get in on the scoresheet. The energetic Russell got the goal his all-round play thoroughly deserved when he thundered the ball past Tecza to round off the scoring.

Sutton left out in the Coldfield

Sutton Coldfield Colts 0 Old Halesonians Colts 22

Old Halesonians Colts travelled to Sutton Coldfield for their third match of the season.

After nervous early exchanges from both sides Old Halesonians started to dominate up front and took the ball up field resulting in Prop Orie Shaw driving through players to score under the posts, which fullback Billy Taylor duly converted.

Old Halesonians continued with some good combinations of forward and back play, forcing a penalty from Sutton which Billy Taylor added three points. Sutton held on to the ball for some time, but from a turnover, outside half Jack Linehan scored with Billy Taylor adding the extras.

Outside centre Mike Wilkinson left defenders in his wake to score.

Billy Taylor was unable to make the conversion.

Sutton never gave up and continued to mount wave after wave of attack, but the Old Halesonians Scrumble defence held until the end.

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Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust

2010/11 Annual Report

Foreword

We are pleased to present Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust's Annual Report and Accounts for 20010/11.

This year has been a significant and successful period for the Trust as we have worked hard to strengthen our engagement with service users and carers and progressed with plans to modernise and improve services.

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the Trust over the past twelve months for their tremendous commitment to helping us achieve our vision of being 'Better Together'. This dedication has ensured the Trust continues to deliver high quality mental health services for the communities of Dudley and Walsall boroughs. We look forward to working with our members and other stakeholders over the coming year to build on these successes and improve the mental health and wellbeing of local residents.



Glyn Shaw

Gary Graham, Chief Executive

Who we are and what we do

Here at Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust our vision is to be 'Better Together' – delivering flexible, high-quality, evidence-based services to enable people to achieve recovery.

Whether it's treating someone with dementia or helping someone manage their depression and regain the confidence to return to work, we are constantly looking to provide a truly excellent service at every stage of mental illness.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust provides a wide range of integrated mental health services to children, adults and older people across the communities of Dudley and Walsall.

We provide care and treatment for around 20,000 people each year and serve a local population of around 600,000 residents across Dudley and Walsall as well as providing specialised Deaf Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across Central England.

We employ over 1,200 staff and provide specialist mental health services from more than 40 community sites and 3 acute hospitals: Dorothy Pattison Hospital, Bloxwich Hospital and Bushey Fields Hospital.

The Trust's Vision is one of providing recovery oriented services and in 2010, the Trust published its Clinical & Social Care Strategic Vision that defined how mental health services should be delivered in the future. This Vision has been guided by a growing emphasis on the well-being of the population and a focus on prevention and early intervention. It guides our future plans for mental health services.

Our Vision

Better Together - delivering flexible, high-quality, evidence-based services to enable people to achieve recovery.

Our Values

- Respect and dignity
- Commitment to quality of care
- Compassion
- Improving lives
- Everyone counts
- Working together for patients

Our Successes and Highlights for 2010/11

Throughout the last twelve months we have continued to focus on maintaining the delivery of high quality services, celebrating some key achievements:

April 2010

Achieving full CQC registration - In line with the new Care Quality Commission system of assessment, the Trust achieved full CQC registration. The assessment for registration focused on continuous assessment and monitoring against the essential quality standards. The Trust's registration shows our continued commitment to high quality patient care.



Innovative Nurses - Mental Health Nurses from across the

May 2010

Trust took part in our own version of the BBC programme 'Dragons Den' to celebrate Nurses Day. Staff had the chance to present ideas which could help us be more effective as a Trust, improve quality and develop our services.



June 2010

The Trust's Service User & Carer Involvement Strategy was officially launched in June, along with our dedicated Service User & Carer Charters which were developed in partnership with service users and carers across the Trust. The launch of these key documents supports the Trust's continued commitment to engaging with service users and carers.

The Trust published its first set of

July 2010

Quality Accounts for 2009/10. The publication looked at what we were doing well; where we needed to make improvements; what our priorities were and how we involve service users, carers and staff. It looked forward to how we will strive to improve over the year, and achieve our priorities.



August 2010

Inpatient Hospitals were given top marks!

Our three acute hospitals were inspected and given a rating based on the environment, food and privacy and dignity. The Trust was rated excellent or good on most cases. The results enabled us to continue to look at ways to improve overall standards of patient environments throughout the Trust's sites.



Recognising Staff - Our first 'Recognising

September 2010

Success Awards' were held at Bescot Stadium, Walsall on September 29th. The event was a great day for us to acknowledge and celebrate the success and hard work staff do every day. Our second Annual General Meeting focused on the improvements, successes and developments made over the last twelve months.

October 2010

Accreditation for Memory Service - The Trust

received national accreditation for its Memory Service Team based at Bloxwich Hospital, making it only 1 of 14 Memory Services in England to be accredited. It recognised the hard work and continuous development from staff since the service's inception.



Lighting up lives - A new

November 2010

sensory room opened in Bushey Fields Hospital for older adult dementia patients. The state-of-the-art multi sensory room provides equipment specially designed to stimulate the senses and offers patients a safe and relaxing environment to reduce anxieties and stresses. The initiative is an example of the great work that came out of the Dragons Den event held earlier in the year.



December 2010

Transforming Services - The Service Transformation

Programme team outlined plans for a new service model, alongside the announcement of a new Government Mental Health Strategy, giving us an exciting opportunity to review our current practices and develop a clinical service model that will be service-user centred and really drive quality and improvement.



January 2011

Foundation Trust Go!! - In January, the Trust started ramping up its

Foundation Trust application. The Board is committed to becoming a Foundation Trust by September 2012. The Trust will continue to keep its stakeholders updated on its progress.

January 2011



February 2011

Leading by example with health and wellbeing

The launch of our Staff Health and Wellbeing Strategy took place with two events at Dorothy Pattison and Bushey Fields Hospitals. This strategy outlined our plans to support, encourage and facilitate good health and wellbeing amongst all of our employees. The events were a great success with staff able to take advantage of the wealth of information and services available for them.



March 2011

New patient record system - Oasis

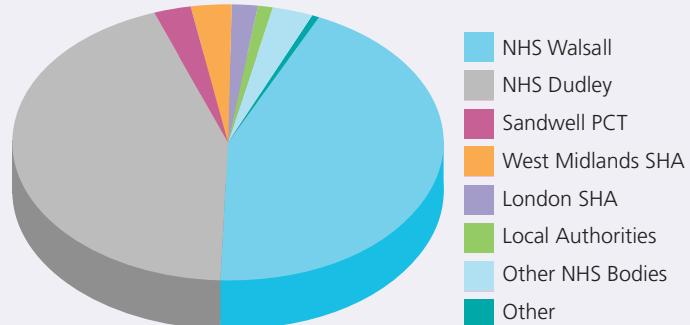
the Trust's new patient administration system, went live on Monday 7th March for 280 staff. After months of hard work, training and intense activity to prepare for the roll out of our new patient information system, making sure that patient data and information is captured and recorded accurately.



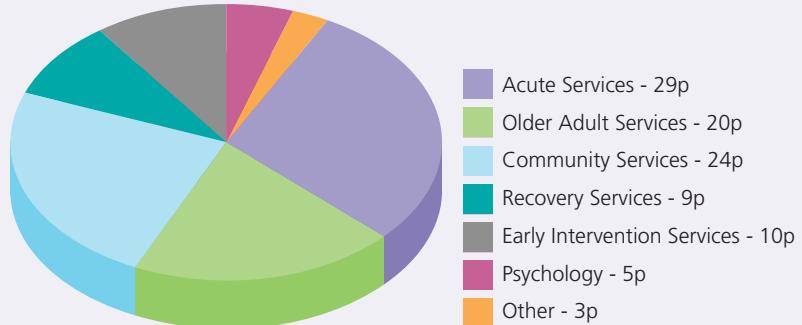
Our Finances

We are delighted to report that the Trust met its statutory targets for the financial year 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011.

Where does our money come from?



For every £1 the Trust spends, the following amount is spent on each service:



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Looking forward to 2011/12

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust is working to become an NHS Foundation Trust. We believe that becoming a Foundation Trust is the best way for us to fulfil our exciting plans for mental health services. It will also allow us to be truly 'better together' as it is the best way for people with an interest in mental health services to become directly involved in influencing them.

Why do we want to become a Foundation Trust?

Foundation Trusts have some major advantages in the way they are run, compared to other NHS Trusts. In particular, becoming a Foundation Trust will ensure:

Better Accountability - service users, carers and our staff will have more involvement in the running of the Trust and delivery of services.

Better Innovation - we will have greater freedom to develop and innovate, using feedback to design services to meet local needs.

Better Influence - we will be able to give mental health a greater presence and 'voice' within the local community.

Better Quality - we will be able to use information and involvement from the community to improve the quality of services.

Better Investment - we will be allowed to create and retain financial surpluses, giving us more freedom to invest in services.

Better Viability - we will be able to focus on efficiency and productivity to ensure that resources are used effectively.



be a part of it - be a member

As part of its Foundation Trust bid, the Trust is now recruiting a membership, which will enable those who sign up to directly influence the way mental health services are delivered. Over 2,000 people from our local communities have already shown their support by signing up as public members.

If you have an interest in mental health and would like to become a member of DWMHPT, all you have to do is fill out a membership form. You can become a member instantly by applying online at www.dwmh.nhs.uk/foundationtrust. Alternatively, telephone **01384 364039** or email **ft@dwmh.nhs.uk** for a hard copy membership form.

Services Fit for the Future

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust aims to become one of the highest performing mental health trusts in the country with a brand and reputation for excellence that sets it apart from the rest. The Trust intends to achieve this through its exciting plans for Service Transformation, which will improve the care and experience of patients as well as foster efficiency in an economically challenging time.

The Service Transformation programme is committed to improving mental health services by:

- Ensuring that services are re-designed to meet the needs of the local population
- Delivering services based on best practice
- Improving access for service users
- Ensuring that service user's experience is improved
- Delivering cost effective services that offer best value

To achieve these aims we have developed a new and improved service model for the future which will be implemented using a phased approach over a three year period. For further information on the service transformation programme, please contact **Jacky O'Sullivan, ST Programme Director**, by email at jacky.o'sullivan@dwmh.nhs.uk.



Top ten tips for your good mental health

1 Do something creative

Being creative can improve mood, and self-esteem, as well as improving mental agility.

2 Learn new skills

Achieving goals you've set for yourself can increase your confidence and help you to feel more optimistic about the future.

3 Value yourself and others

Spend time to reflect on what you have done well, show your appreciation and take pride in the compliments that you receive.

4 Use food to boost your mood

What you eat and drink can have a real influence on your mood so look out for and choose healthy food options.

5 Keep in touch with friends and loved ones

Research has shown that people whose goals in life are focused on family, friends and colleagues have increased wellbeing.

6 Keep physically active

Exercise has been proven to lower levels of anxiety and depression as well improving fitness levels. 30 minutes of exercise five times a week can make a real difference.

7 Care for yourself

Set aside some time for yourself to do the things you enjoy.

8 Get involved and make a contribution

Being involved in fun events or projects can help you to learn new skills, meet new people and give a great sense of fulfilment.

9 Take a break

Work better, not harder. Make sure you take your annual leave throughout the year, to help you take a well deserved break when you may need it the most.

10 Ask for help and share feelings

If you feel your workload is spiralling out of control, take the opportunity to discuss it with your manager

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